DARK HORSE COMICS

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DANGEROUS LOVE

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GRAY CITY... AT ITS BEST, A BEAUTIFUL CITY FILLED WITH THE DECADENT ARCHITECTURE OF A GLORIOUS PAST. THE RICH ARE DRAWN TO LIVE IN THESE NOBLE BUILDINGS, GIVING THE CITY A SOMEWHAT HIGH-CLASS AURA.
BUT AT ITS WORST, IN THE CRUMBLING WARRENS TO BE FOUND HERE AND THERE, THE POOR OF THE CITY EKE OUT A MISERABLE EXISTENCE. AND SO, AT NIGHT THE CITY COMES ALIVE WITH DANGER....
THIS IS A TALE OF ONE VERY SPECIAL YOUNG GIRL WHO LIVES IN GRAY CITY... LIVES THERE BOTH IN LIGHT AND SHADOW...

"HELLO AIMI" PART 1

AND, UM...
THREE ORANGES, PLEASE.
BECAUSE YOU'RE SUCH A SWEETIE, AIMI, I'M GOING TO THROW IN AN EXTRA ONE.
HUH?
OH...
THANK YOU VERY M-MUCH.

SO... GOT YOURSELF A BOY-FRIEND YET, MY DEAR?
WHA-?!
N-NO...
I M- MEAN... N-NOT YET...
NOW THAT'S A DOWNRIGHT SHAME! I KNOW... WHY DON'T YOU TRY A BIT OF A MAKEOVER? NEW HAIRCUT, CLOTHES... AND MAYBE A TOUCH OF MAKEUP?
SINCE YOU'RE SUCH A CUTE LITTLE THING TO BEGIN WITH, I BET YOU'D HAVE BOYS COMING OUT OF THE WOODWORK FOR YOU.
Y- YOU REALLY THINK SO...?
KLIK
FOOMP
EEK
GOOD HEAVENS, AIMI! YOU PLANNING TO BUY A HOUSE TODAY OR SOME-THING...?
WH- WHAT IS ALL THIS MONEY DOING IN HERE?!

UM... THANKS F-FOR EVERY-THING, SIR.
....
HAW! WEREN'T NOTHIN', LITTLE LADY!

I'M SO EMBARRAS-SED! NOW HE MUST THINK I'M SOME KIND OF RICH WEIRDO!

WHUD
WHOA!
EEK!

FWHMP

YOU OKAY OVER THERE, DEAR?
OW!
FOO

PRETTY IMPRES-SIVE, GIRL.

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ONE OF THE RICH FOLKS, Hmm?
SNAK
IT'S KIND OF DANGEROUS TO CARRY AROUND SO MUCH CASH— WHAT IF SHADOW LADY COMES AFTER YOU...?
WHY DON'T YOU LET ME WALK YOU HOME...?
UM...N-NO, IT'S OKAY... REALLY... S-SORRY ABOUT BUMPING INTO YOU!!
WH--
FWHOOSH
SIGHH... NO WONDER SHE AIN'T GOT A BOY-FRIEND!
HER FULL NAME IS AIMI KOMORI... EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD, AND PAINFULLY SHY.

DEMOTA! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO PUT ALL THAT MONEY IN MY WALLET, AREN'T YOU?!
C'MON, AIMI-- DON'T THEY SAY "NEVER LOOK A GIFT HORSE IN THE MOUTH" ...?
THAT LITTLE STUNT ALMOST EMBARRASSED ME TO DEATH!!
BUT HEY, BECAUSE OF THAT, YOU GOT TO MEET THAT GUY, RIGHT? LOOKS LIKE THE HAND OF FATE TO ME!
SO... DID HE ASK YOU OUT ON A DATE?
SHE CALLS HIM DEMOTA, BUT THAT'S NOT HIS REAL NAME.
WHAT?!
OF... OF... OF COURSE NOT! WE JUST B-BUMPED INTO EACH OTHER!
NO ONE WOULD... HE COULDN'T... I NEVER... OH, GOSH!
OH, MAN... SHE'S SO INNOCENT SHE'S PRACTICALLY INCAPACITATED...
SAY, ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME WE GOT MOVING?

OH!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
THE NIGHTS ARE PRETTY SHORT THIS TIME OF YEAR...
KTAK
"MAYBE A TOUCH OF MAKEUP? I BET YOU'D HAVE BOYS COMING OUT OF THE WOOD-WORK FOR YOU..."
"OUT OF THE WOOD-WORK." HUH...
KLIK

IT MAY LOOK LIKE ORDINARY EYE SHADOW...
FFFT
FFFT
KLIK
...AS OUR SHY LITTLE AIMI PUTS IT ON AT NIGHT, IN THE DARKNESS...
...BUT IT HOLDS A SECRET THAT IS HERS AND HERS ALONE...
BECAUSE...
AH...!

AAAHH!!
GUESS I BETTER GET WITH THE PROGRAM, TOO
THE NAME OF THIS CREATURE WHEN IN ITS TRUE FORM IS DE-MO.
BOMF
FFFSSSSHHHHH

OKAY, DE-MO... LET'S HIT IT!!!
YOU BETCHA, BOSS!

LET'S GO!
SHADOW RING: DOESN'T ALLOW FLIGHT, BUT IT MAKES HER LIGHT ON HER FEET
HER NAME IS SHADOW LADY, A MYSTERIOUS FEMALE CAT BURGLAR IT'S SAID THAT THERE'S NOTHING SHE CAN'T STEAL. USING HER WONDROUS POWERS.
SHADOW SMILE: SPARKLES AND CLOUDS THE MINDS OF MEN.
SHADOW BUST: BOUNCES DELIGHTFULLY AND CLOUDS THE MINDS OF MEN.
SHADOW BUTT: WIGGLES AND CLOUDS THE MINDS OF MEN.
SHADOW BRACELET: STORES THE EYE SHADOW COMPACT INSIDE.
SHADOW HANDS: SNATCHES UP WHAT EVER SHE DESIRES
SHADOW [redacted]: STRONG, AGILE, AND NEVER TIRED.
REGARDING THE STORY BEHIND THE MAGIC EYE SHADOW, AND DE-MO, REST ASSURED WE'LL COVER THOSE THINGS IN THE FUTURE.
BUT FOR NOW, THE CITY AT NIGHT BECOMES HER PERSONAL SHOPPING MALL...
TARGET CONFIRMED! HEE HEE. I WONDER WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TONIGHT?
OOH, IT TURNS ME ON!!

GRAY CITY MUSEUM
YEE-HAW!
SHADOW LADY!! LOOK AT ALL THAT VALUABLE STUFF! MAN, WE SHOULD HAVE COME HERE SOONER!
YEAH, MAYBE, BUT I'M NOT MUCH OF A FAN OF FINE ART
BUT SOMEHOW IT'S BRINGING OUT THE ARTISTIC SIDE OF MY NATURE.
"ARTISTIC SIDE"... ? YOU?!
GIMME A BREAK!

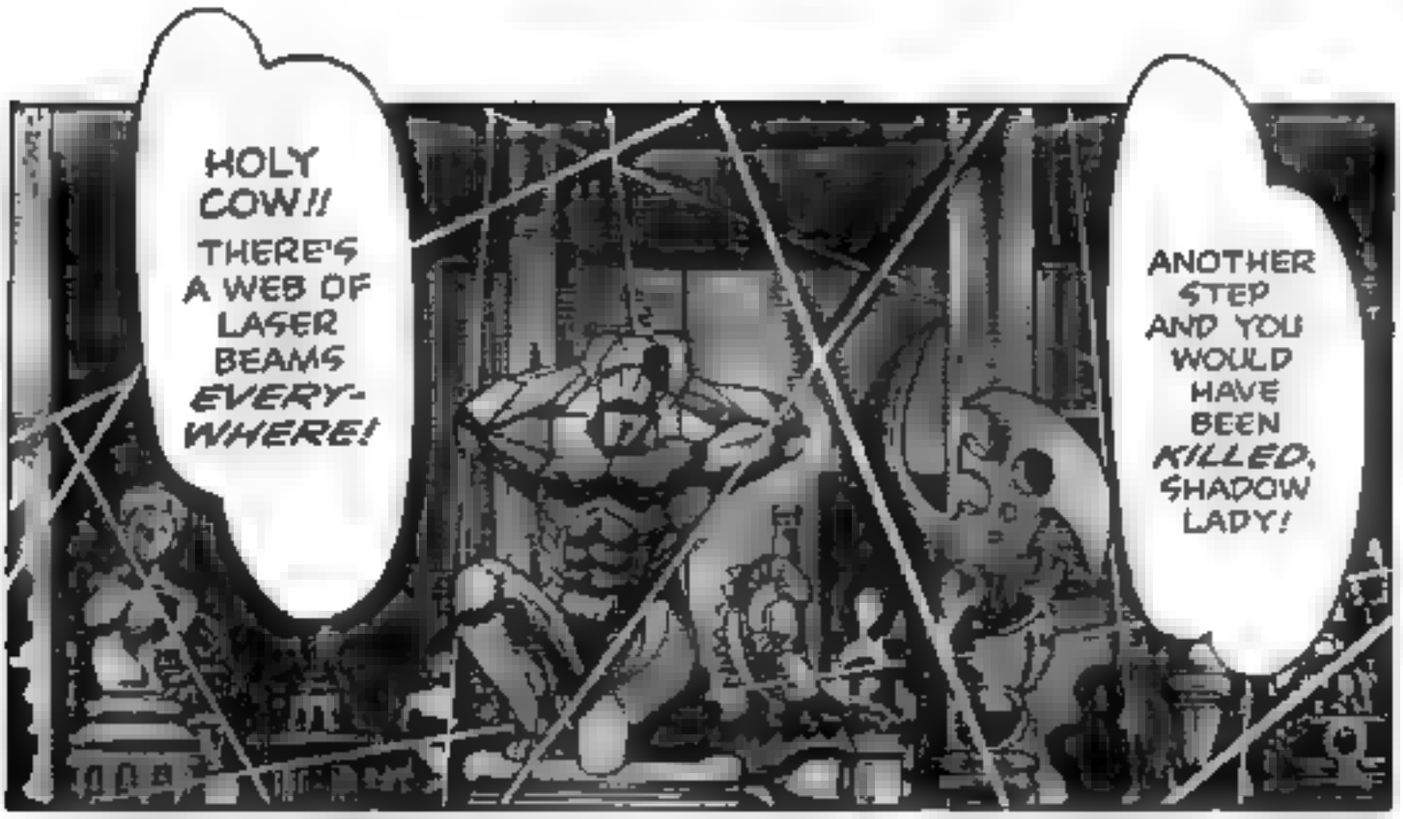
TA-DAAH!
HEE HEE HEE!
PSSSHHH

WHAT A BOR-ING FACE!

TA-DAAH!

NOW THAT'S ART!
MAKES YOU WONDER WHAT WE CAME HERE FOR

RIGHT! WELL, TIME TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS!
FLAK
!!!
THERE'S SOMETHING FUNNY GOING ON IN HERE, DE-MO! CHECK IT OUT!
FDD
YEZ, BOZ
RECKLESS LITTLE BRAT! I KEEP TELLING HER TO BE MORE CAREFUL, BUT DOES SHE LISTEN? NOOO.
..
...
...
ZREEEEE


HOLY COW!! THERE'S A WEB OF LASER BEAMS EVERY-WHERE!
ANOTHER STEP AND YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED, SHADOW LADY!

OOH. . PRETTY SLICK, GUYS!

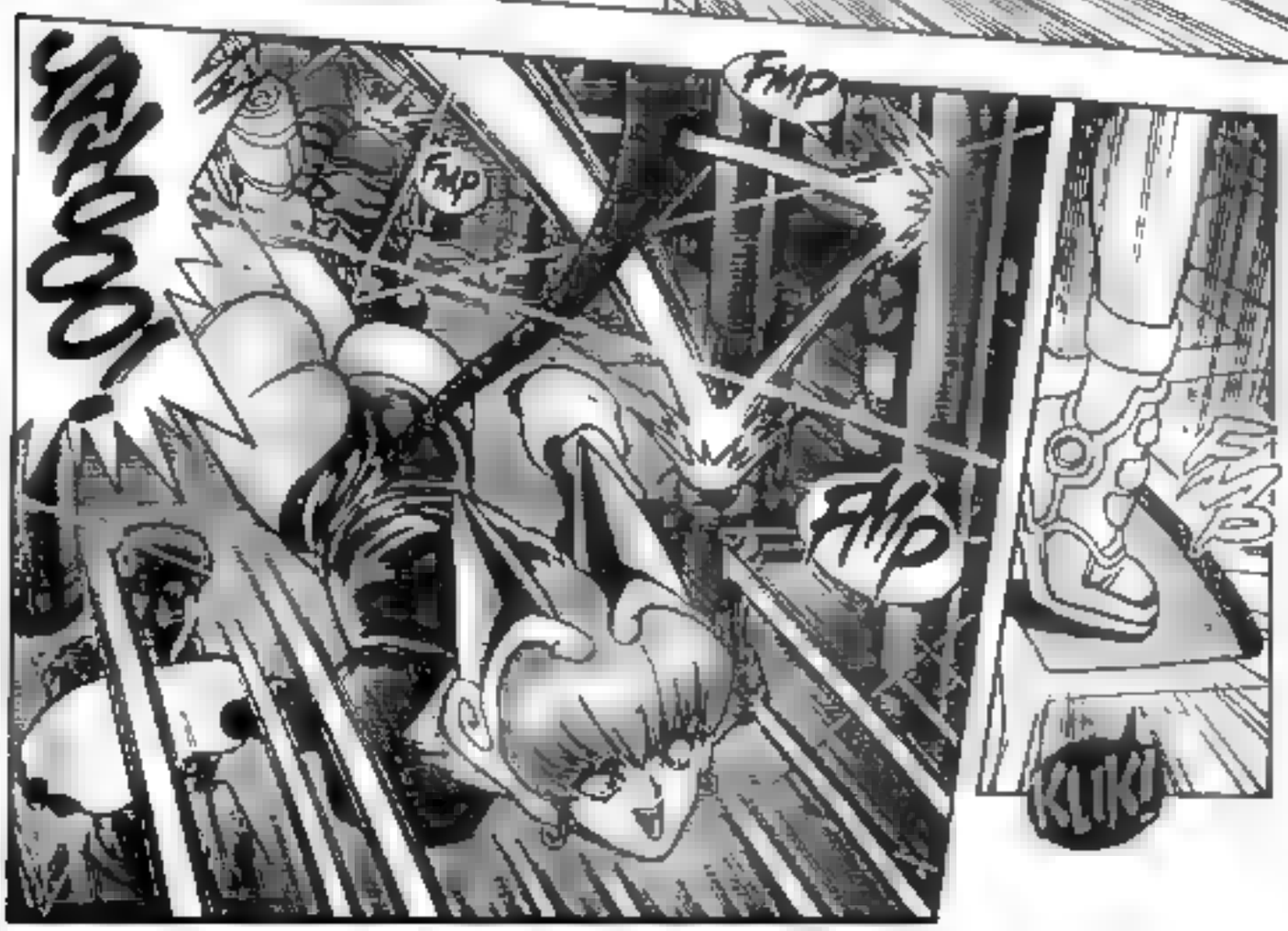
I THINK WHAT WE NEED HERE IS--
AN EXPERT CHANGE! OH, YEAH!!

SHKK
IN THIS CASE. . Hmm. "WILD" CRIM-SON, YES?

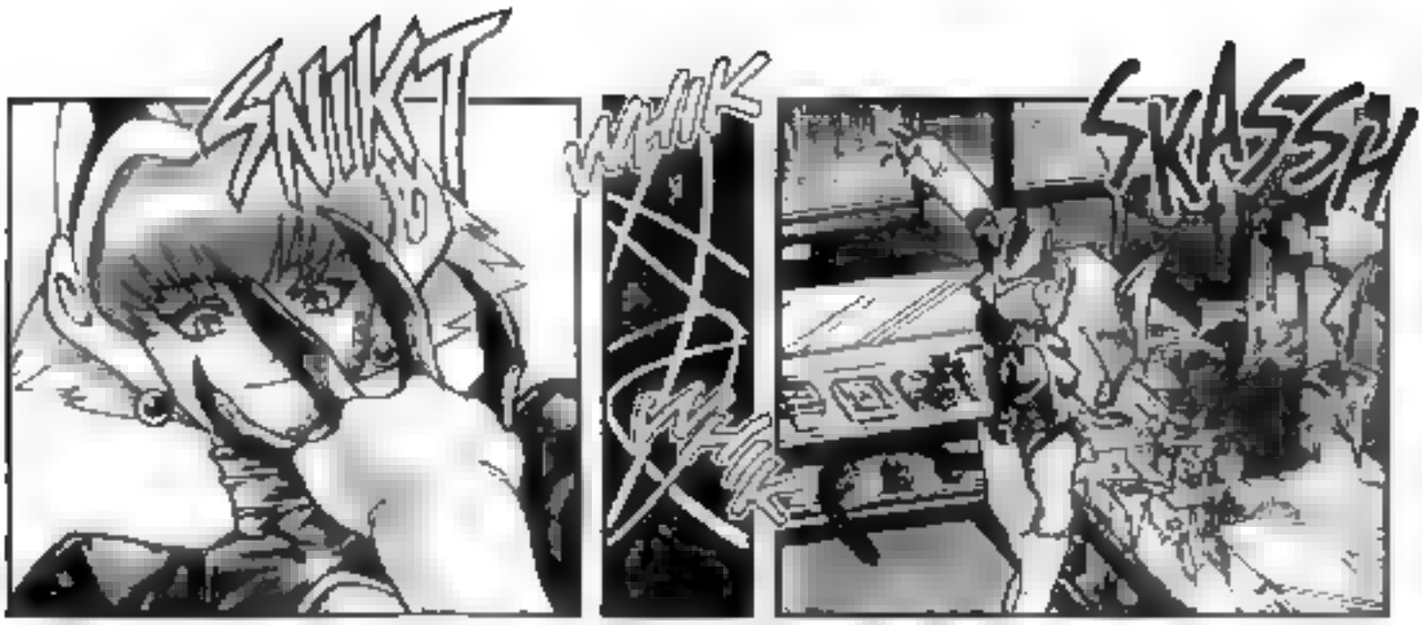
FFFT
FFFT
"EXPERT CHANGE", WHEN SHADOW LADY TRANSFORMS INTO THE ONE OF HER SIX DIFFERENT FORMS BEST SUITED FOR A PARTICULAR SITUATION.
TA-DAAH!
TIME FOR... CRIMSON CAT SHADOW!
IS IT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO POSE EVERY SINGLE TIME -?
CRIMSON CAT SHADOW
(GIVES HER THE QUALITIES OF A CAT)
WOW, I CAN SEE THEM NOW YOU'RE RIGHT. THAT'S A LOT OF LASERS.

MUST BE PROTECTING SOMETHING *REALLY* VALUABLE, HUH?

BUT THEY WON'T KEEP THIS CRIMSON KITTY OUT!
MROWR!
TO ME, IT'S JUST ANOTHER WALK ACROSS THE ROOF-TOPS!


FMP
FMP
FMP
KLIK!

GRNNNNN
FWIPP
SHING!
-whew!-
AND HERE IT IS!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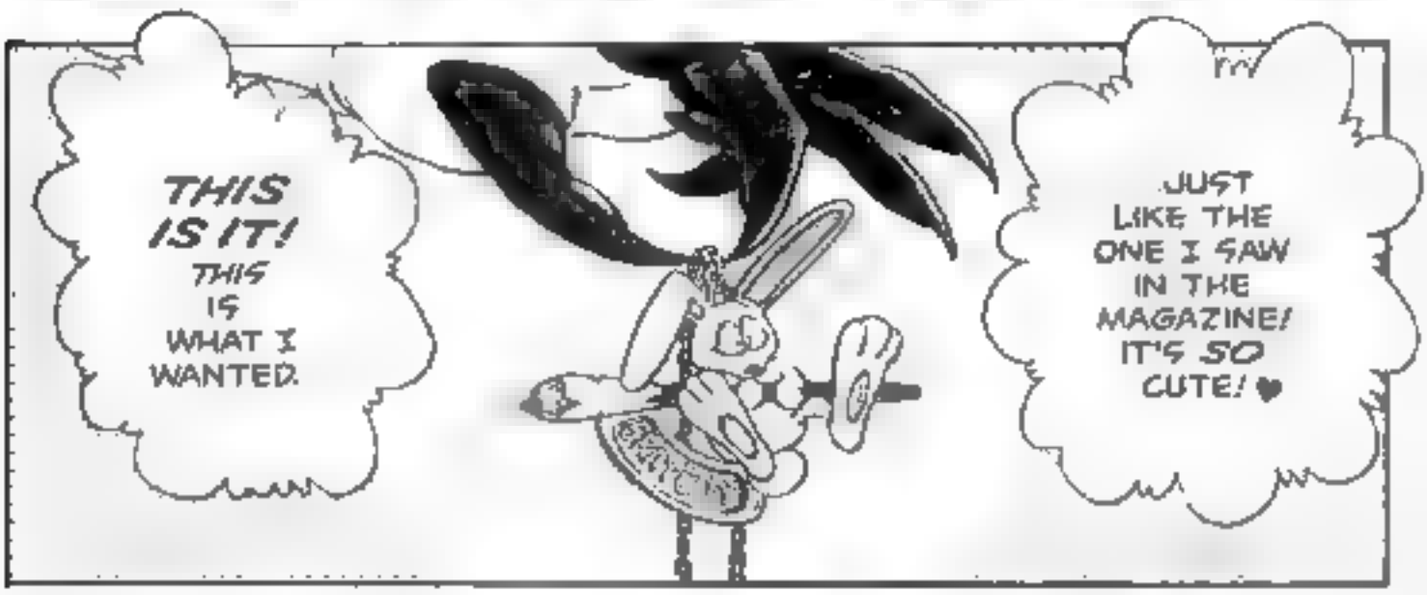
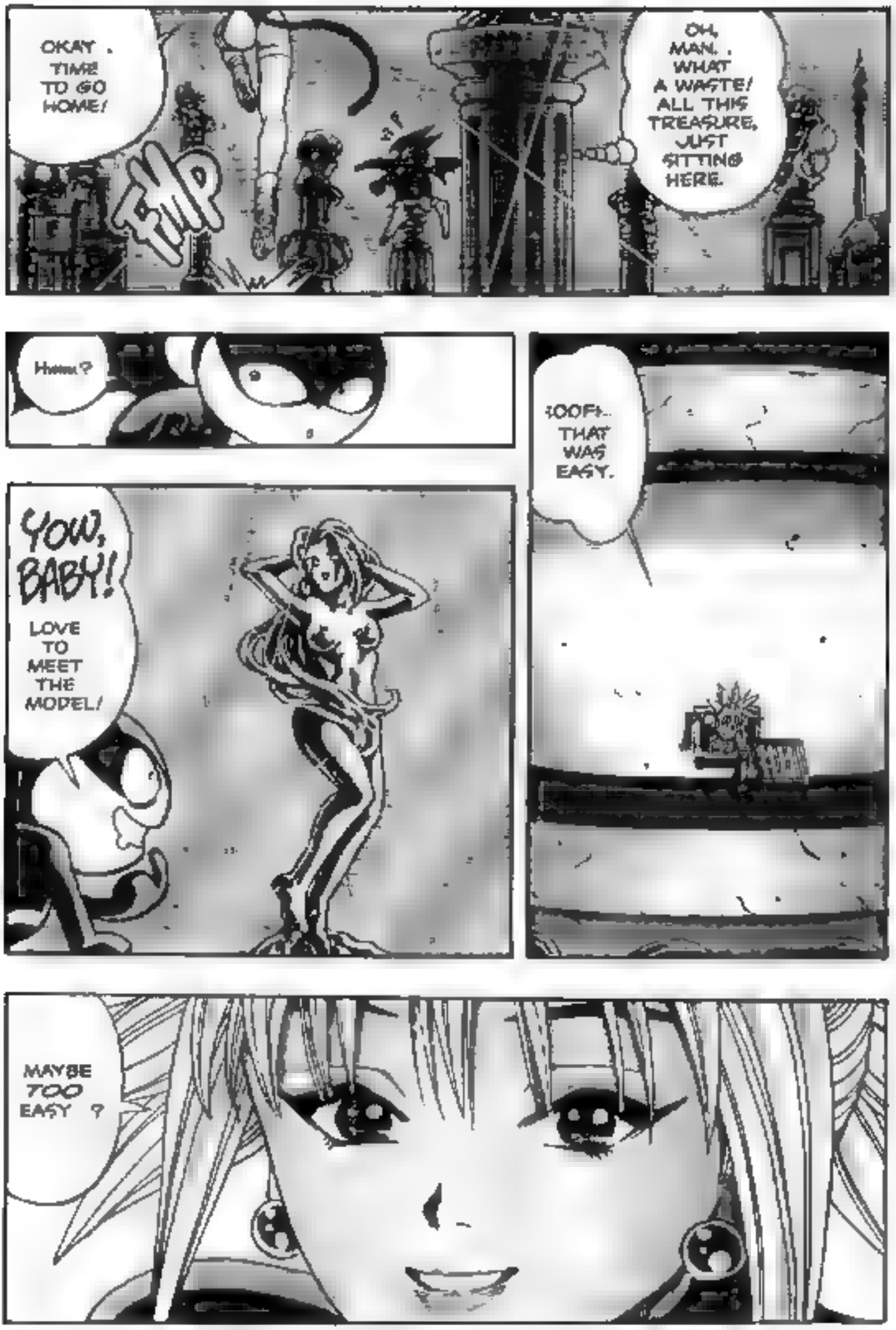
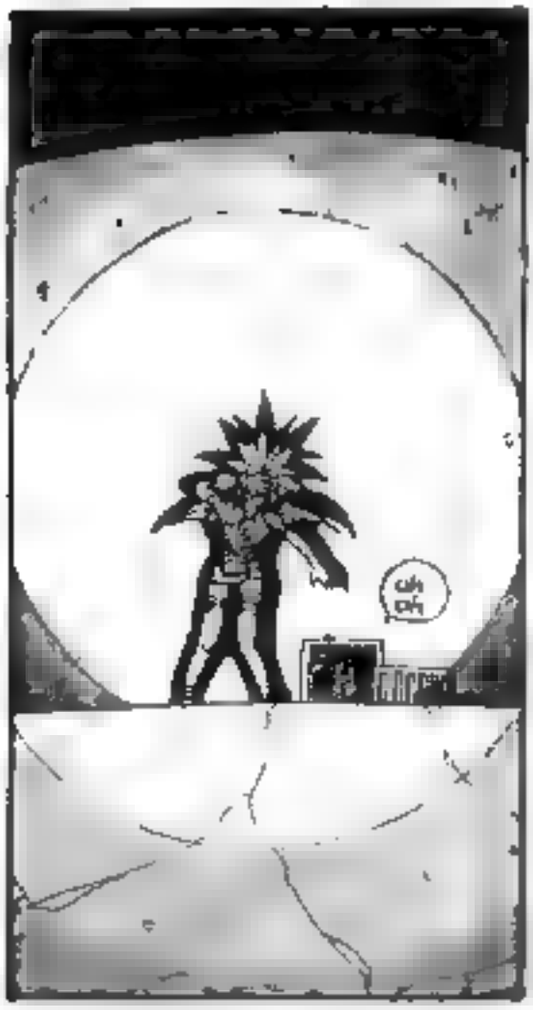

THIS IS IT! THIS IS WHAT I WANTED.
JUST LIKE THE ONE I SAW IN THE MAGAZINE! IT'S SO CUTE! ♥

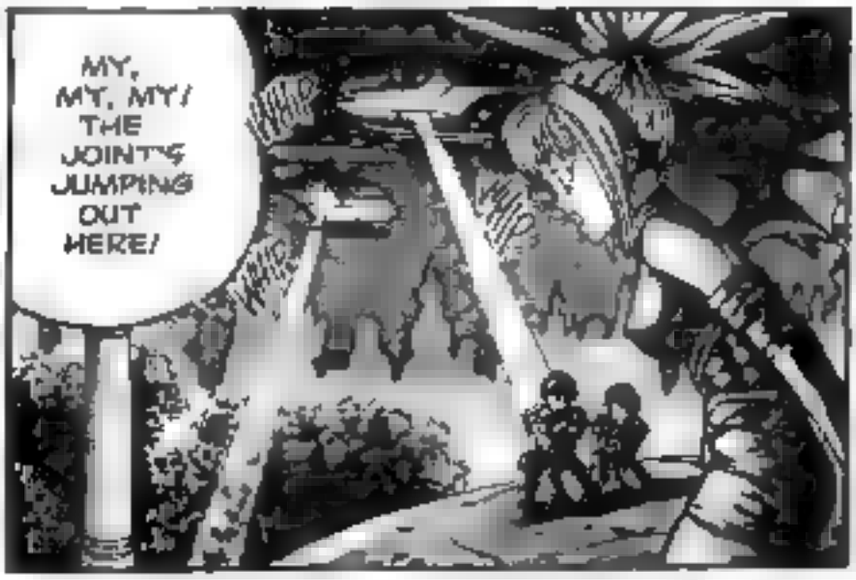
B-BUT WE'RE IN THE GIFT SHOP, NOW!! YOU COULD HAVE JUST WALKED IN DURING BUSINESS HOURS AND BOUGHT IT!!
SILLY DE-MO! WE'RE PROFES-SIONAL CAT BURGLARS, REMEM-BER. .?

I STEAL STUFF FOR THE THRILL OF IT ALL!

YEAH SO YOU'VE SAID.


OKAY . TIME TO GO HOME!
FWP
OH, MAN. . WHAT A WASTE! ALL THIS TREASURE, JUST SITTING HERE.
Hmm?
WOW, BABY!
LOVE TO MEET THE MODEL!
WOOF!.. THAT WAS EASY.
MAYBE TOO EASY ?





NEXT: "HELLO, AIMI"--PART 2...!

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SHADOW LADY
DANGEROUS LOVE
GIVE A LADY A CHANCE TO FIX HER MAKE-UP, OKAY...?
LET'S SEE... WHAT COLOR SHOULD I USE...?
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BWA HAW HAW HAW!
POLICE
CAUGHT!! LIKE A RAT IN A TRAP! THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR SENDING IN AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT YOU WERE PLANNING ON HITTING THE MUSEUM TONIGHT!
INSPECTOR DORY: GRAY CITY POLICE. ANTI-SHADOW LADY SECTION
THIS TIME YOUR ASS IS MINE, SHADOW LADY!!
"ANNOUNCEMENT" ?
WELL, ER, YOU WERE COMPLAINING ABOUT HOW UNEXCITING OUR LAST FEW JOBS HAVE BEEN. .
UM. ARE YOU MAD AT ME ?
NO.
NO, YOU DID GREAT, DE-MO
THIS IS GOING TO BE A REAL THRILL FOR A CHANGE!
D-DON'T MOVE, OR I'LL SHOOT!
HANDS ON YOUR HEAD! G-GET DOWN ON THE GROUND!
SORRY, BOYS.

...I JUST CAN'T STAND BEING STILL!
UGH!
GMPH
KRAK
GRK!

FWD
BKAM
BKAM
THAP
YAHOO!
NNG!
AAAAAA
VWHIP
VWHIP
VWHIP
VEEEEE!
HUH?

FLUBB
mGK
OH, DEAR! SO SORRY!
KLUD
WHSSH
WHA-?!
WHERE'D SHE GO?!
INSPEC-TOR!
W-WE LOST HER!
WHAT ...?!
DAMN IT ALL!!
AND WE WERE SO CLOSE!!

GEEZ!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SCREAM!
WHA-?!
BYOING
RRG!
FWHIP FWHIP FWHIP
THAP

TA-DAAAH!
GET HER
CHAKK
OH, DEARIE ME! HAVING ALL THOSE NASTY OL' GUNS POINTED AT ME IS TEACHATANE AND CHI!

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?! THE ONLY WAY YOU COULD ESCAPE NOW IS TO SPROUT WINGS AND FLY AWAY!
OH, REALLY?! THEN I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO LET YOU CATCH ME
CHANK
HMPH! WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST SURRENDER TO BEGIN WITH. ?
YANK
!?!
OOH, DON'T CAPTURE ME WITH THOSE COLD, HARD STEEL HANDCUFFS I WANT YOU TO TAKE ME IN WRAPPED IN YOUR WARM, STRONG ARMS.
UH. . WELL... ALL RIGHT, THEN.
IF YOU IN-SIST--
WHOO
GMPH!

HAVE A LITTLE PATIENCE, BIG BOY! GIVE A LADY A CHANCE TO FIX HER MAKE-UP. OKAY. .?
VZZZT
LET'S SEE. WHAT COLOR I SHOULD USE . ?
OF COURSE... SAPPHIRE! IT'S THE ONLY CHOICE!
FFFT
FFFT
ALL DONE!
HMPH! WOMEN CAN BE SO TEDIOUS. NOW, THEN..
YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER CHANGED MY MAKEUP IN PUBLIC.
YOU GUYS SHOULD FEEL HOMORED.
?!

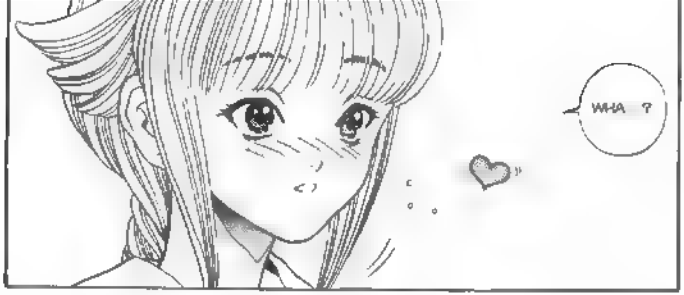
SAPPHIRE BIRD SHADOW
GIVES HER THE QUALITIES OF A BIRD!
TA-DAAH!
WHAT WAS THAT YOU SAID ? "THE ONLY WAY YOU COULD ESCAPE NOW IS TO SPROUT WINGS AND FLY AWAY," RIGHT?
!!!
SEE YOU NEXT TIME INSPECTOR DOPEY DORY !
BYE-BYE!
FWAP
FWAP

WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE, WASN'T IT?
WELLLL, CLOSE ENOUGH TO BE FUN, ANYWAY
SAY WHAT'S IN THE BAG, DE-MO?
UH, THIS? IT'S, UH, NOTHING
WHAT A JOKE!!
IT'S THAT STATUE OF A NUDE LADY! WHAT A PERVERTED LITTLE DEMON YOU ARE!
YA WELL HA HA HA
BAD NEWS, INSPECTOR DORY! MANUAREIT'S SOLID GOLD "NUDE #1" HAS BEEN STOLEN!
NRRGH!
I KNEW SHE WAS AFTER THAT! BUT WHY HASN'T SHE EVER HIT THE MUSEUM BEFORE NOW ?
I. I HATE TO SAY IT, INSPECTOR, BUT MAYBE THIS CASE IS OUT OF OUR LEAGUE! I MEAN, SHE CAN EVEN FLY!!
HAVE YOU GOT A BRICK FOR A BRAIN, YOU FOOL?! NOBODY CAN FLY! THAT MUST HAVE BEEN SOME KIND OF TRICK!
I'LL GET YOU NEXT TIME, SHADOW LADY!

OKAY, DE-MO I'M GOING TO TAKE OFF MY MAKEUP DOWN HERE AND WALK HOME
I'M GOING STRAIGHT THERE SEE YA!
TMP
KFFSSSHHH
OOOH, THAT WAS GREAT! I FEEL LIKE I GOT RID OF ALL MY STRESS!
BUT WHEN I CHANGE BACK, I'M STILL THE SAME SHY GIRL I EVER WAS
EVEN THOUGH I CAN GET SO WILD WHEN I'M SHADOW LADY
:SIGH:

COME ON, AIM! YOU'VE GOT THE PERSONALITY OF SHADOW LADY INSIDE YOURSELF THERE'S NO REASON YOU CAN'T LET A LITTLE BIT OF HER PERSONALITY LOOSE IN YOUR LIFE EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE!
OKAY, THEN!
NEXT TIME YOU RUN INTO A GORGEOUS GUY LIKE THAT ONE YOU MET EARLIER TODAY, GIVE HIM A DOSE OF SHADOW LADY!
GO FOR IT, AIM!!
??
SO, FINALLY HOME, EH?
OH?!
HI! SORRY ABOUT EARLIER.
EEEP!
THAT'LL TEACH YOU TO GO MAKING CRAZY PROMISES TO YOURSELF!!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU ALL NIGHT
HUH?

ER CAN WE GO FOR A WALK?
THIS IS IT!! A CHANCE TO CHANGE YOUR WAYS, AIMI!
AFTER YOU TOOK OFF RUNNING, I TALKED TO THE OLD MAN. HE TOLD ME WHERE YOU LIVED
I CAME OVER AS SOON AS I WAS OFF WORK, BUT YOU WERE OUT SO I WAITED
OH, NO. . WHAT DO I DO NOW ?
SAY SOME-THING, AIMI! ANY THING!!
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I TOLD YOU I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU AT FIRST SIGHT. .?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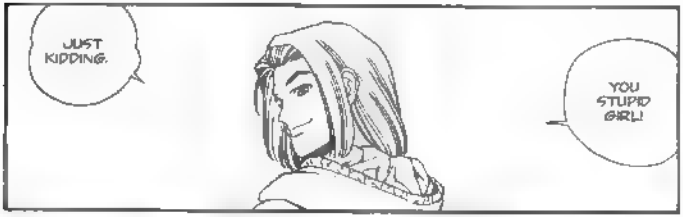

JUST KIDDING.
YOU STUPID GIRL!

HUH?!

SHRIKK

EEEK!
SO THIS IS THE RICH BABE YOU TOLD US ABOUT ?
MAN, WHEN YOU SAID SHE WAS A CUTE THING, YOU SURE WEREN'T KIDDING!
VERY TASTY! <

I HEAR YOU DON'T HAVE A JOB, BUT YOU SURE HAD A LOT OF MONEY ON YOU THIS AFTER-NOON
SO I FIGURE YOU MUST HAVE SOME SERIOUSLY RICH PARENTS AND I BET THEY'LL PAY ANYTHING TO GET THEIR SWEET LITTLE GIRL BACK!!
NO! YOU'RE WRONG I DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY PARENTS ANY-MORE
SO. . PLEASE PLEASE!
YOU'RE COMING WITH US, BABE!
N-NO I CAN'T SPEAK I CAN'T EVEN MOVE ;
IF ONLY I COULD CHANGE INTO SHADOW LADY I'D BE ABLE DO SOMETHING, BUT
HELP ME!
SOMEONE... ANYONE...
SPAK
HUH?!

WHO THE HELL--?!
Y'KNOW, I FIGURED THIS LOOKED LIKE A BAD NEIGHBORHOOD BUT STILL, I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE *THIS* SORT OF THING GOING ON.
MAJOR DRAG, MAN. I JUST MOVED INTO A PLACE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, TOO.
ALL RIGHT YOU ALL GO ON HOME
OR ELSE I'LL HAVE TO SHOOT YOU AGAIN.
CHIK
YOU GO HOME, BUDDY!
TAKE YOUR TOY AND GO HOME TO YOUR MOMMY!

FOO
GUESS YOU DON'T GET IT
I TOLD YOU ALL TO GET LOST! NOW DO IT!!
W-WOW! WHAT A GUY!

WHAT YOU--
--SIGH--
KIDS THESE DAYS.
FWHT!
?!
AH!

WHRAKK
FWHD
Y-Y-YOU BASTARD! G-GET AWAY OR I'LL CUT HER, DUDE!!
EEK!

ORK!
FWHIPP
A WORD OF WARNING. DON'T CALL MY INVENTIONS "TOYS."
YOU GOT IT?
HUH?!
HEH
FRAK
UK!

ARE YOU OKAY?
YOU'RE NOT HURT, ARE YOU?
FWMP
N-NO, I'M F-FINE.
WHAT'S THIS STRANGE FEELING ? IT'S HARD TO BREATHE AND MY HEART IS POUNDING!
WHO
CHANK
THUD
FWAP
FWAP
THNK
HERE. WEAR THIS TO COVER YOURSELF.
AND YOU BETTER LET ME WALK YOU HOME

THERE!

HUH...?
WHY AM I ?

H-HEY, !
WHAT'S THE MATTER ?
÷Snf÷
N-NOTHING! TH-THANK YOU SO MUCH!

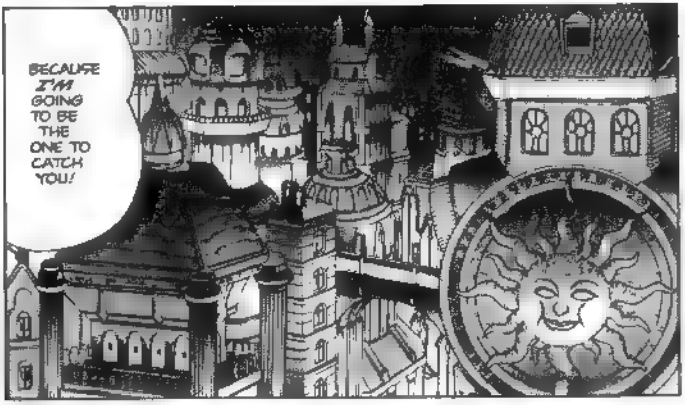
HEY! WAIT FOR--
WHOOSH

MAN.. CAN SHE EVER RUN!

WHAT IS THIS FEELING ? MY HEART WON'T STOP RACING
SOME-THING IS WRONG.
SOME-THING IS WRONG WITH ME...!

AW, RATS!
WHY AM I ALWAYS SUCH A LOSER ?
GRAY CITY
FWAP
I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.

...SHADOW LADY!
WANTED
SHADOW LADY
GRAY CITY


BECAUSE I'M GOING TO BE THE ONE TO CATCH YOU!

HIS NAME BRIGHT HONDA. A TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD DETECTIVE, HE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED IN FROM CENTRAL FOR ONE PURPOSE-- TO CAPTURE SHADOW LADY
AND AS FOR AIMI SHE HAD NO IDEA THAT THE STRANGE FEELINGS IN HER HEART WAS LOVE.
MEAN-WHILE, BACK AT AIMI'S PLACE
WHAT INSENSI-TIVE PINHEAD SCUMBAG MADE THIS STUPID STATUE, ANYWAY ?!
WHAT'S THE POINT IN DOING A NUDE IF ALL THE GOOD STUFF IS HIDDEN BY HER HAIR?!
DE-MO WAS GETTING UPSET OVER SOMETHING UNBELIEVABLY STUPID. AS USUAL.

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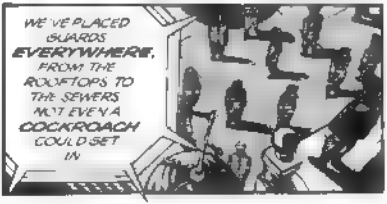
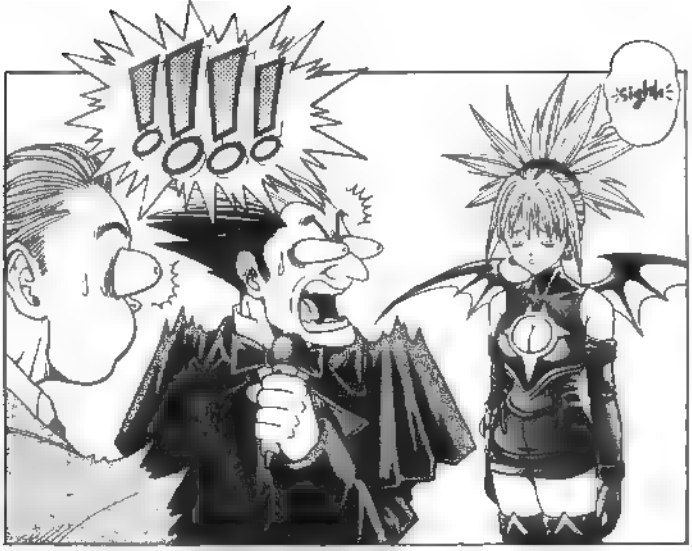
AS ALL OUR VIEWERS KNOW, SHADOW LADY HAS RECENTLY BEGUN TO ANNOUNCE HER TARGETS IN ADVANCE, AND TONIGHT SHE APPARENTLY PLANS TO ROB THE HOME OF THE BILLIONAIRE MR. ROBERT DAINA.
DNN

EXCUSE ME INSPECTOR DORY... DO YOU EXPECT TO FINALLY CATCH SHADOW LADY TONIGHT?

HEY?!
FWAP
ATTENTION CITIZENS! REST ASSURED. WE HAVE THE PERFECT TRAP SET FOR SHADOW LADY- HER NIGHTS OF ROBBING GRAY CITY END TONIGHT!


WE'VE PLACED GUARDS EVERYWHERE, FROM THE ROOFTOPS TO THE SEWERS NOT EVEN A COCKROACH COULD SET IN

I'D BET MY BADGE THAT SHE'S SOMEWHERE JUST OUTSIDE OUR CORDON, FRUSTRATED AND FOILED!
BWA HA HA HAW!
UM 'SCUSE ME, INSPECTOR DOPEY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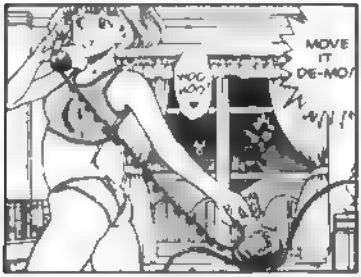
:sigh:

SORRY, BUT I'M JUST NOT IN THE MOOD FOR THIS SORT OF THING TONIGHT, SO I'M GOING HOME, OKAY. ?

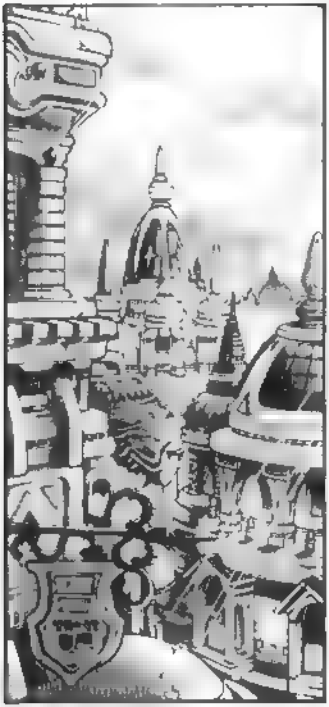
THANKS FOR COMING, EVERY-ONE!
BYOING

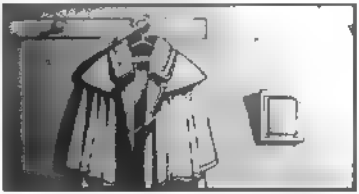
Er, INSPEC-TOR WASN'T THAT SHADOW LADY..?

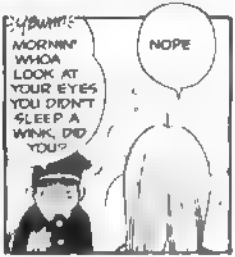
WHAT AN AMAZ-ING TURN OF EVENTS! SHADOW LA--
KLIK
PERFECT. I WANT HER TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE UNTIL I'M ON THE JOB
BECAUSE I'M GOING TO BE THE ONE TO CATCH HER!
HIS NAME: BRIGHT HONDA. AGE TWENTY FIVE FOR SOME REASON HE IS OBSESSED WITH THE IDEA OF CATCHING SHADOW LADY. WHERE DO HIS STRONG FEELINGS FOR HER COME FROM? AND ARE THEY TRULY HATRED, OR °
ODDLY ENOUGH HE'S THE CAUSE OF SHADOW LADY'S CURRENT MELAN-CHOLY
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'VE BEEN ACTING REALLY WEIRD SINCE THIS MORNING
OKAY, I'VE HAD ENOUGH! I'M NOT GO-ING TO JUST SIT AROUND LIKE A LUMP FEELING LIKE THIS C'MON, DE-MO. LET'S GO!
HUH?
AND SO SHE BEGAN TO SEARCH GRAY CITY FOR BRIGHT, HOPING THAT IF SHE SAW HIM AGAIN, THAT STRANGE NEW FEELING IN HER HEART WOULD GO AWAY


MOVE IT DE-MO!
WOO HOO!

ALL NIGHT LONG SHE SEARCHED, TRAGICALLY UNAWARE THAT THE MAN SHE SOUGHT WAS ONE OF THOSE SHE COUNTED AMONG HER ETERNAL ENEMIES. THE POLICE






YAWN!
MORNIN' WHOA LOOK AT YOUR EYES YOU DIDN'T SLEEP A WINK, DID YOU?
NOPE

AARGH... THIS IS DRIVING ME NUTS! MAYBE A SHOWER WILL CLEAR MY HEAD
A SHOW-ER!!
WOO HOO!

I'M IN NO MOOD FOR YOUR PEEP-ING TOM ACT THIS MORNING, SO I'M GOING TO WEAR MY BATHING SUIT SORRY

KSSHHH
Ahhh
SO I GUESS THIS IS LOVE I DIDN'T KNOW IT HURT SO MUCH
ARE YOU OKAY? YOU'RE NOT HURT ARE YOU?
IF ONLY I CAN SEE HIM AGAIN. I THINK
I THINK I CAN FINALLY BREAK FREE OF MY SHYNESS

SKREEK
B-BUT MAYBE I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN.
PLEASE, GOD! HEAR ME!
ONE MORE TIME!
PLEASE LET ME SEE HIM JUST ONE MORE TIME!

!?!
SKRASH
WHA...?
VREEE
WHAM
ALEE?

OW33
AH.. ?!
HUH?
WHOA. HEY DON'T TELL ME--
PSSHH
SPRONG
YAIEE!

DEMO-TAAA!
YAHOOO!
IT WAS HIM! I GOT TO MEET HIM AGAIN!
SIGHH
IT'S LIKE A DREAM... GOD MUST HAVE HEARD MY PRAYERS!
DEMOTA? ARE YOU LISTENING? HELLO.. ?!
OOOG
YOU WERE PEEPING AT ME ANYWAY, WEREN'T YOU ?
NOK NOK
EXCUSE ME. HELLO? Er I'M THE ONE THAT FELL THROUGH YOUR CEILING
EH?
!!
THERE.
IT'S JUST A TEMPO-RARY FIX, BUT
SO, Uh, ANYWAY MY NAME IS BRASKY I MOVED IN UPSTAIRS YESTERDAY . LOOK, I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT ALL OF THIS.

STILL... SOME CO-INCIDENCE, HUH? I MEAN, US LIVING IN THE SAME BUILDING AND ALL...
HA HA
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING, AIMI?! HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO TALK TO HIM! JUST HAND HIM BACK HIS COAT AND SAY SOME-THING! ANYTHING!! D-DO IT!
ER. LOOKS LIKE I'D BETTER COME BACK SOME OTHER TIME, HUH? SEE YA.
AH, !
OH, NO!! HE'S GOING TO LEAVE!
I-I
Er
Y-Y-Y Y-YOUR C-C-C-C C-C-COAT
HE'S ALREADY GONE, KIDDO
GEE, GUESS SHE'S REALLY PISSED OFF AT ME
WAIT A SEC— MY COAT AH, WELL. I'D BETTER COME BACK FOR IT SOME OTHER TIME PROBABLY NOT A GOOD IDEA TO STICK MY HEAD BACK IN THERE AGAIN.

YAHOO!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! NOT ONLY DID I GET TO SEE HIM AGAIN, HE'S LIVING IN THE SAME APARTMENT BUILDING AS ME!
ALL I ASKED WAS TO SEE HIM ONE MORE TIME, TOO! GOD MUST HAVE ROLLED DOUBLE SIXES!
LA LALAA!
SAYYYY I DON'T SUPPOSE IT WAS "LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT"?
OH, YOU!!!
STOP THAT, DEMOTA!
SMAK
HOW, HOW EMBARRASSING!!
S. SORRY
STILL I DUNNO. SOMETHING ABOUT HIM BOTHERS ME

FWTT
SHRGG
SPLAK
SHADOW LADY..
OKAY, LET'S HIT IT, DE-MO!
HUH? B-BUT AFTER YESTERDAY I MEAN, I DIDN'T SEND THE COPS ANY INFO ABOUT TONIGHT!
THAT'S OKAY
TONIGHT'S MY LAST NIGHT, SO I JUST WANT TO CUT LOOSE AND FLY AROUND THE CITY
WHAT?!
"LAST NIGHT"? ? YOU CAN'T MEAN--
YEP! TONIGHT IS THE LAST TIME I'LL BECOME SHADOW LADY! STARTING FROM TOMORROW, I'M GOING TO LIVE MY LIFE JUST AS PLAIN OLD AYAKI KOMORI!

AAAH!!
I FEEL GREAT
GREAT
GREAT!
HI, EVERY-ONE!
FWHIPP
FWHIPP
TA-DAA!
WHOA!
IT'S SHADOW LADY!
WHSSH

WHY, HELLO BABY!
AIEE!
SKREEE
SPRANG
FWHAM
KRUNCH
FWIP
WHRAM
FWIP
BYE BYE!

GEE, TALK ABOUT BLAH, HUH? WHAT A SHAME THIS IS THE END
WELL, THEN MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T STOP
WELLLL. NO I'VE ALREADY DECIDED--AIM HAS TO BREAK OUT OF HER SHELL, AND I THINK, WITH THAT WONDERFUL GUY LIVING NEARBY, SHE'LL FINALLY FIND--
WHSSH
WHAM
?!
DE-MO! DID YOU SEE THAT?!
FWIP
FWIPP
WHSSH
WHAM
W-WHAT IS THAT THING!? IT'S FASTER THAN I AM! WHAT IN THE--

YOU CANNOT ESCAPE, SHADOW LADY!
?!
FOO
WHA--?!
THAT VOICE .?
!!!
WHAM

THIS IS THE GRAY CITY POLICE!
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, SHADOW LADY!!
NO. . OH, NO!
KRAK
KRICH
KOOM
AIEE!

QUICK! NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO GET AWAY!
!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! COME ON!
MEAN-WHILE BRIGHT
AT THAT MOMENT AIMI SAW THE DARK SIDE OF FIRST LOVE AND NOW SHE HAD A DIFFERENT SORT OF FEELINGS IN HER HEART
HAD MANAGED TO FALL INTO ANOTHER BATH-ROOM

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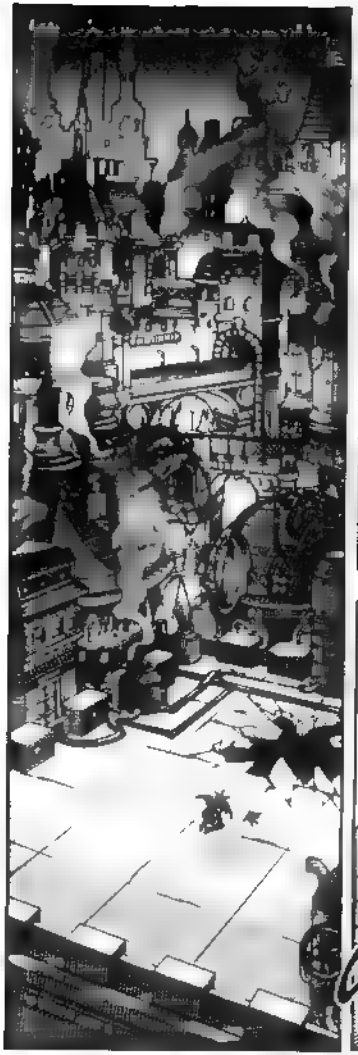


N-NO WAY! BRIGHT CAN'T POSSIBLY BE A COP! HE'S THE FIRST MAN I WAS SERIOUSLY IN LOVE WITH. HOW BAD CAN MY LUCK GET ? AND HERE I WAS GOING TO QUIT BEING SHADOW LADY AFTER TONIGHT

QUIT BEING SHADOW LADY... HMM...

DAMMIT! I CAN'T BELIEVE I SCREWED UP AT A TIME LIKE—
?!
SKRAK

SHADOW LADY..?/ WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE? YOU COULD HAVE GOTTEN AWAY IF YOU HAD RUN!
heh heh heh heh
?
NYA HA HAHA HAHA HA!!
?!??

GIVE IT UP, BUDDY! THERE'S NO POINT IN TRYING TO CATCH ME.
BECAUSE, AS OF TONIGHT, I'M GOING TO QUIT BEING SHADOW LADY!
SO FORGET ALL ABOUT ME, OKAY?
I INTEND TO TAKE YOU INTO CUSTODY HERE AND NOW!
DON'T BE AN IDIOT! YOU CAN QUIT ANY TIME YOU WANT, BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO PAY FOR ALL OF THE CRIMES YOU'VE COMMITTED IN THE PAST!
OH, WILL YOU NOW...? OKAY THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO CATCH ME FIRST
IN ANY CASE, TONIGHT IS GOING TO BE THE LAST TIME WE PLAY THIS GAME SO LET'S ROCK AND ROLL!!

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!
IT'S USELESS TO RUN, SHADOW LADY. YOU KNOW I'M FASTER THAN YOU!
WHSSH!
?!?
!!!

SORRY, DEAR— WHEN I'M LIKE THIS, I'M FASTER!!
WHAT THE HECK?! IS THIS SCIENCE... OR MAGIC?!
SAFFRON BUNNY SHADOW (GIVES HER THE QUALITIES OF A RABBIT)
COME ON, HONEY!!
BOING BOING
HE'S KEEPING UP WITH US! ARE YOU SURE WE CAN GET AWAY...?
NO PROB!

YEAH, WE'LL... MAKE SURE YOU WATCH THE TIME THE EXPERT CHANGES--
--ONLY LAST TEN MINUTES
I KNOW THAT!
FWHIP
TRUST ME-- HE'LL GIVE IT UP BEFORE TEN MINUTES
C'MON, DR-MO IT'S MY LAST NIGHT! LET ME HAVE SOME FUN WITH IT
NA
WHAT?!
ARE YOU NUTS?! YOU'VE GOT TO RUN AWAY RIGHT NOW!!
WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT KIDDO?
FWHAM
HAH!
NOW I'VE GOT YOU!
FKOOM
EEEE!
GOOD HEAVENS, OFFICER! DON'T SMASH UP THESE NICE OLD BUILDINGS

EEEK!
CHECK IT OUT!
IT'S THAT HOT ACTOR, STUDLY D STARR!
EEEK! SQUEAL!
WHSSH
FWHIP
WHAM
THUP
EWWWW.
HE'S GOT A RASH!
I'M OUTTA HERE
YUUCK!
YOU MOTHER!
DON'T DO IT!
DON'T JUMP, MISS!

NO!! I DON'T HAVE ANY REASON TO LIVE! I'M GOING TO KILL MYSELF!
?
THAP
FWHIP
WHAM
EEK!
VWHIP
YOW!
VWHIP
EEK!
THAP
FAP
VWHIP
HUP!
KUFF!
THAP
HUH..?
OOOH!
CLIP CLIP
CLIP CLIP

DAMMIT, HAVEN'T WE RECEIVED ANOTHER ANNOUNCE-MENT FROM SHADOW LADY YET?!
POLICE
ER, SORRY, SIR. WE HAVEN'T
BARGE!
INSPEC-TOR DORY!
IS IT A MESSAGE FROM SHADOW LADY...?!
ER, NOT EXACTLY, SIR.
BUT IT SEEMS SHADOW LADY AND SOME WEIRD ROBOT MACHINE ARE SMASHING THINGS UP OVER IN OLD TOWN!
HAH!! AT LAST!!
HE'S LOST IT TOTALLY OBSESSED

ATTENTION!
SHADOW LADY HAS FINALLY BECOME DANGEROUSLY DESTRUCTIVE! IF SHE RESISTS ARREST, YOU ARE ORDERED TO FIRE AT WILL USING YOUR ULTRALASER GUNS AND REDUCE HER TO ATOMS!
THAT'S OVERDOING IT A BIT
HONESTLY BOTH YOU AND INSPECTOR DORY MUST KNOW THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CATCH ME, BUT YOU JUST WON'T GIVE UP
ALTHOUGH AT LEAST IT'S FUN FOR ME!
"IMPOSSIBLE"? YOU REALLY THINK SO?!
THEN TRY THIS ON FOR SIZE!!
SKRAKK

FWHOOOOOOOOOOP
KRAK
YA EE!
WHDD
KRASH
FWOD
SHEESH. HE WAS SO COOL WHEN HE SAVED ME THE OTHER NIGHT WHAT HAPPENED?
phewww AT LEAST I DIDN'T BREAK THE BUILDING THIS TIME.
LOOK. WHY DON'T YOU GIVE IT UP AND FORGET ABOUT ME ?
I MEAN, THERE ARE PLENTY OF BAD GUYS ARDUND
HUH?! THE CONTROLS WON'T. I CAN'T WHAT THE-?!
THUP

;uff;
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!
;NGH;
I CAME HERE TO CAPTURE YOU!
VREEEE
VREEEE
OOH. I'LL CONSIDER THAT AN HONOR.
YOU ;hmg; HAVE THOSE AMAZING POWERS, WHY DON'T YOU ;urf; USE THEM FOR GOOD?!
FWOOP
FWAP
NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS
THINKING THAT A SINGLE FLOWER ;mrk; CAN BE BEAUTIFUL YOU MUST HAVE THOSE PURE FEELINGS WITHIN YOU! ;mghs; DON'T YOU REALIZE THE MISTAKE YOU'RE MAKING?!
;WHOOP;
VWHIP VWHIP
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE BABBLING ABOUT
WHY DON'T YOU--
AAP
SKRAK
FKOOM
AREN'T YOU ACTING A BIT TOO OBSESSED?
DID I EVER DO ANYTHING TO YOU PERSONAL-LY?

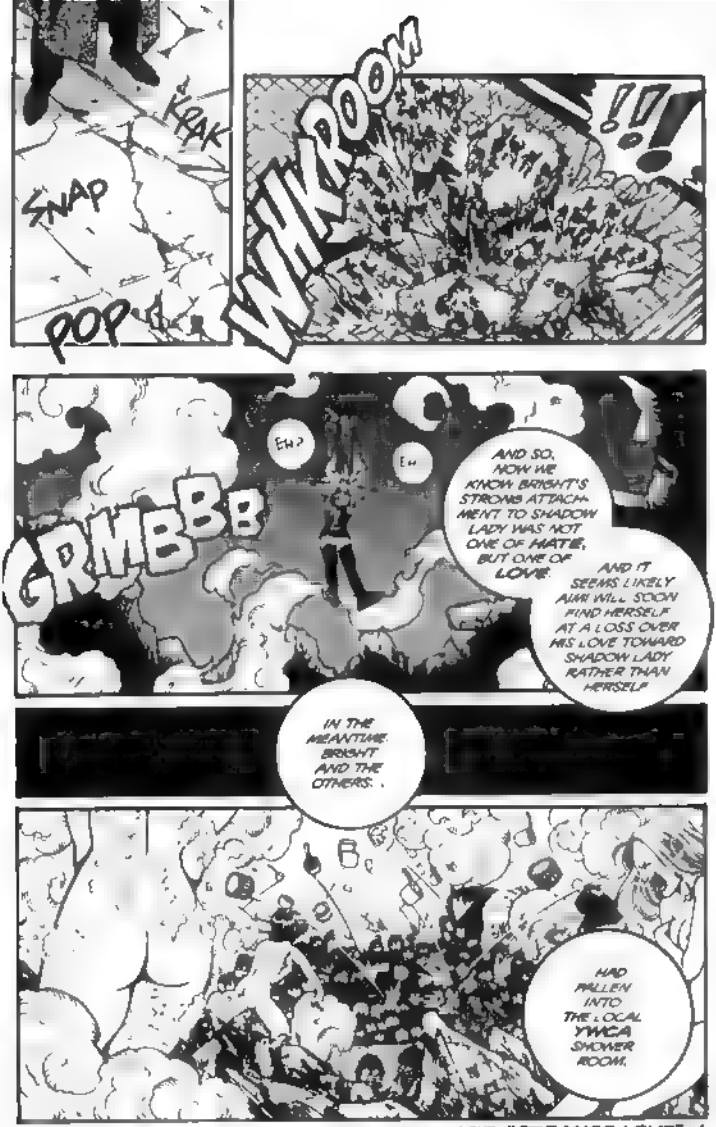
YES. YES, YOU DID!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT IT SEEMS HE'S GOT SOMETHING AGAINST ME, ALL RIGHT
THAT'S A BIT OF A SUR-PRISE.
HMMMMM...
FSSH
OOPS! I TIMED OUT ON THE EXPERT CHAMBER AND SWITCHED BACK
VREEEE
VREEEE
NGH!
BOOH!
THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES.
WELL, I'M TIRED OF THIS LITTLE GAME OF TAG, SO I'M CALLING IT A NIGHT

DAMMIT ! I WON'T LET YOU ESCAPE
KSHAKK
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
HEY?!
WHO AUTHORIZED YOU
AND
ANSWER OUT!!

BWA HAW HAW!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE FOUND YOURSELF A NEW ACCOMPLICE, SHADOW LADY, BUT YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME!! WE'VE GOT BOTH OF YOU COMPLETELY SURROUNDED!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, INSPECTOR DOPEY? THAT SILLY BOY IS ONE OF YOUR MEN!
WHAT ?!
RUN, SHADOW LADY!
RUN!!
HUH?
?
THEY'RE ARMED WITH ULTRA-LASER GUNS! THEY CAN KILL YOU!
USE YOUR STRANGE POWERS AND ESCAPE! PLEASE!!
STOP THAT!! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE A POLICE OFFICER
IF SHE TRIES TO RUN AWAY OR RESISTS IN ANY WAY, SHOOT HER!
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T RUN! BUT I WILL RESIST!

YOU IDIOT!
DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR LIFE LIKE THAT!!
Hahh
Hahh
Hahh
WH-WHAT?
FIRST YOU TRY TO CATCH ME... THEN YOU TELL ME TO RUN... I D-DON'T GET IT.

BECAUSE I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU, SHADOW LADY!
AND SO...
THAT'S WHY I'VE GOT TO BE THE ONE TO CATCH YOU AND SET YOU STRAIGHT. AND I WON'T LET ANYONE ELSE GET IN THE WAY!
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP


KRAK
SNAP
POP
WHKROOM
!!!
GRMBBB
EH?
EH
AND SO, NOW WE KNOW BRIGHT'S STRONG ATTACHMENT TO SHADOW LADY WAS NOT ONE OF HATE, BUT ONE OF LOVE.
AND IT SEEMS LIKELY AIMI WILL SOON FIND HERSELF AT A LOSS OVER HIS LOVE TOWARD SHADOW LADY RATHER THAN HERSELF
IN THE MEANTIME, BRIGHT AND THE OTHERS...
HAD FALLEN INTO THE LOCAL YWCA SHOWER ROOM.

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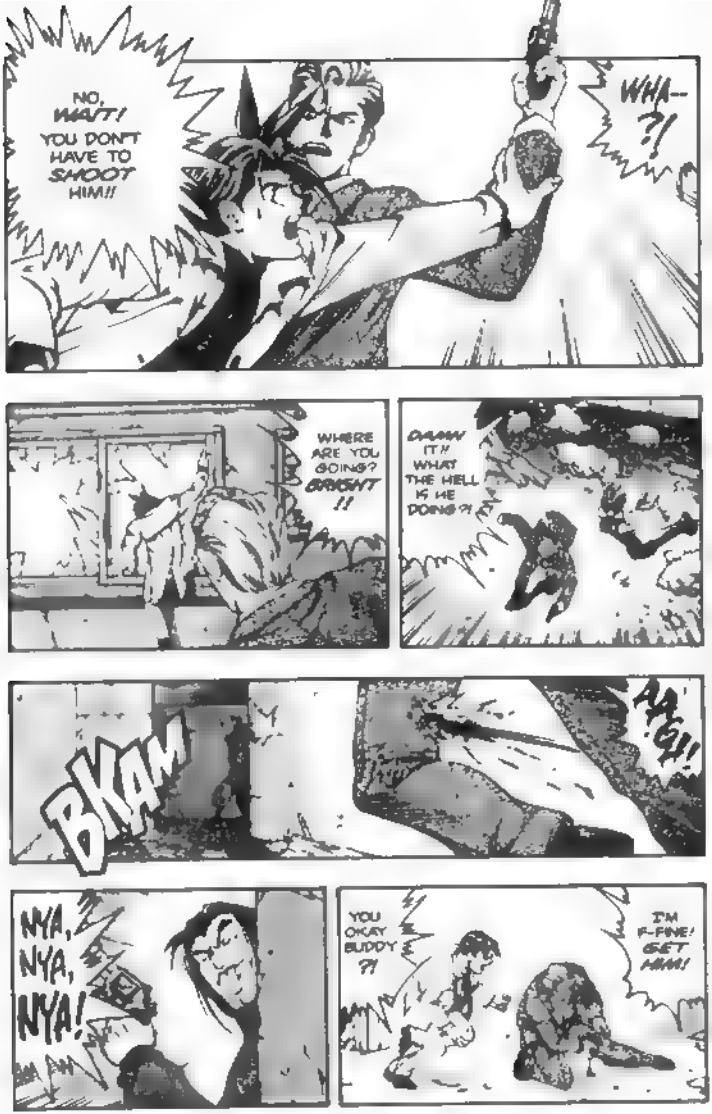
BECAUSE I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU, SHADOW LADY!
AND SO...
THAT'S WHY I'VE GOT TO BE THE ONE TO CATCH YOU AND SET YOU STRAIGHT. AND I WON'T LET ANYONE ELSE GET IN THE WAY!
BECAUSE OF HIS UNFORTUNATE CONFESSION TO SHADOW LADY
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND, YOU KNOT-HEAD ?!
BRIGHT WAS, OF COURSE, SEVERELY REPRI-MANDED.
EEK!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! HE LOVES ME, TOO!
AMI HOWEVER, WAS JUMPING FOR JOY

BUT THE NEXT DAY
TO MAKE HIS SURPRISE ATTACK THAT MUCH MORE THE SHADOW LADY CAME AND RE-ASSUMED
KRAK
UHH G!
THOK
HEH
I'VE ALREADY WHACKED ONE GUY, PAL!
KCHAK
THINK I CARE IF I DO ANOTHER ?!

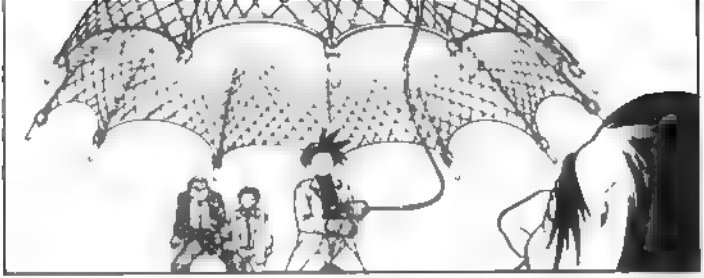
KLOD
BKAM
SPANGG
FWMP


NO, WAIT! YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHOOT HIM!!
WHA--?!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? BRIGHT!!
DAMN IT!! WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING?!
BKAM
AA'G!!
NYA, NYA, NYA!
YOU OKAY BUDDY ?!
I'M F-FINE! GET HIM!

FEH!
THAT WAS TOO EASY!
IS THAT A PACT ?
?!
WHOO
GYEE!
BASTARD!
WHSSH

WHAK
FWIP
HUH. HE CIRCLED AROUND AHEAD OF HIM.
NOT BAD, BRIGHT!
GOOD COLLAR, PAL! NOW, CUFF HIM!
NO. I'VE GOT SOMETHING BETTER THAN HANDCUFFS.
FWIP

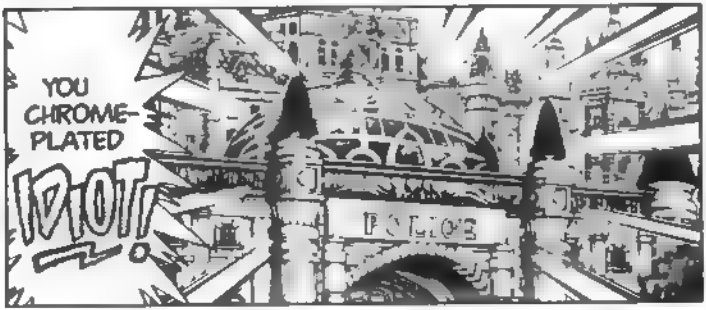
HUH, ?!
?!
ELECTRO-NET, FIRE!
BOOM
HM?



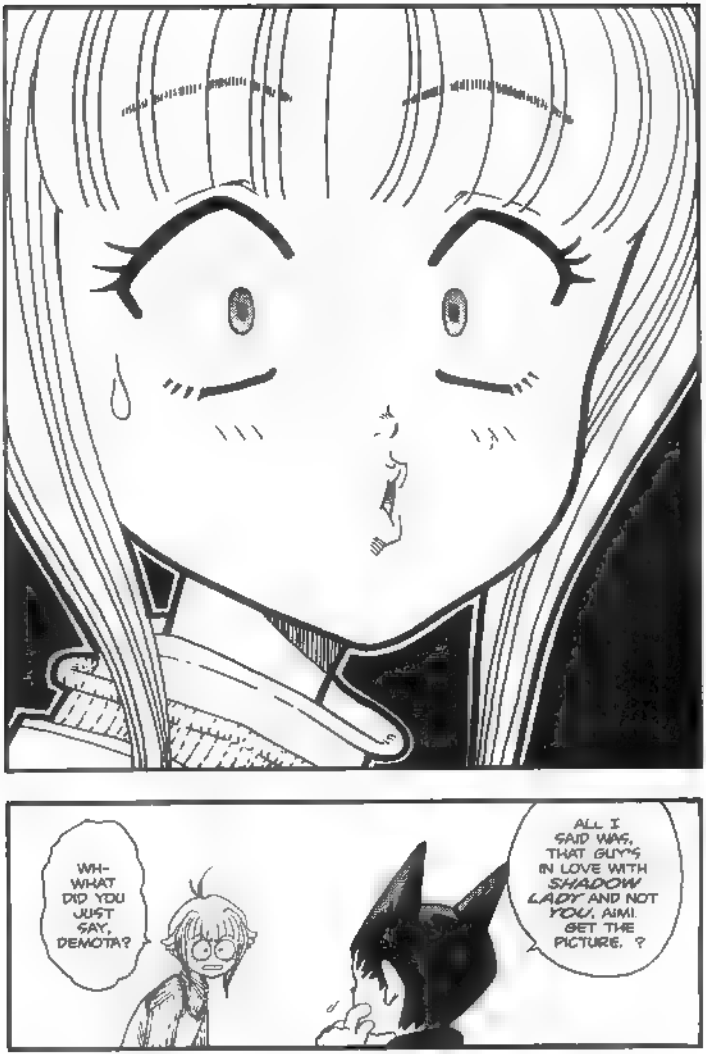
YA
EEE
ARGH!
KABLAM

DUMB-
ASSES

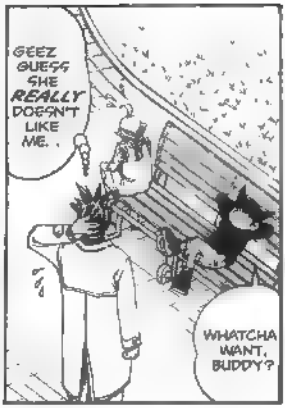
SEE YA,
LAME-
BRAINS!
ARGH!
AIEE!
AHG!


YOU
CHROME-
PLATED
IDIOT!
POLICE

CHIEF
DO YOU THINK THIS IS SOME KIND OF GAME?!
NO, SIR
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, ANYWAY? DID YOU SHUT YOUR BRAIN DOWN SINCE YOU'RE NO LONGER CHASING SHADOW LADY'S ASS?
SHADOW LADY'S ?!
WHY ARE YOU BLUSHING ?
UM. ER.
I DON'T WANT TO KNOW ! JUST REMEMBER ONE THING-- IF YOU SCREW UP AGAIN, YOU'D BETTER START LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB!
WHAM
WHAT?!

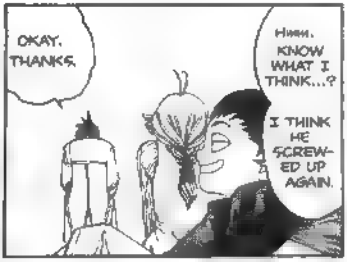

WH-WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY, DEMOTA?
ALL I SAID WAS, THAT GUY'S IN LOVE WITH *SHADOW LADY* AND NOT *YOU*, AIMI. GET THE PICTURE, ?

;Sighh;
HE'S RIGHT I CAN'T BELIEVE I DIDN'T SEE IT BEFORE. I MAY BE SHADOW LADY, BUT TO HIM, SHADOW LADY ISN'T ME.
H-HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
TO THE PARK..
TO CLEAR MY HEAD
;Sigh;
MAYBE I'LL JUST REVEAL MY IDENTITY TO HIM. NO, THAT WON'T WORK. EVEN IF I AM THE SAME PERSON.
WE LOOK AND ACT COMPLETELY DIFFERENTLY I GUESS A GIRL WITH A REALLY OUTGOING PERSONALITY IS BRIGHT'S TYPE. .
SOMEHOW, I HAVE TO BE ABLE TO ACT LIKE SHADOW LADY EVEN WHEN I'M OUT OF COS-TUME.
EXCUSE ME. ?
!
HUH? SAY, AREN'T YOU ?


GEEZ GUESS SHE REALLY DOESN'T LIKE ME. .
WHATCHA WANT, BUDDY?

OH, NO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, AIMI? THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO TALK TO HIM!
AND I WAS JUST TELLING MYSELF THAT I CAN'T ACT LIKE THIS ANYMORE! WAAH! I'M SO HOPELESS!

OH, YEAH. RIGHT HAVE YOU SEEN THIS GUY?
NOPE. NOPE. SORRY


OKAY. THANKS.
Hmm. KNOW WHAT I THINK...? I THINK HE SCREWED UP AGAIN.

Y'KNOW, AIMI. HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!
WHEN A GUY'S ALL DEPRESSED LIKE THAT, HE'S A SUCKER FOR A PRETTY FACE AND A KIND WORD...
. . .

OF COURSE! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THIS BEFORE?!
?

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS MAKE HIM HATE SHADOW LADY AND FALL IN LOVE WITH AIMI!
...?
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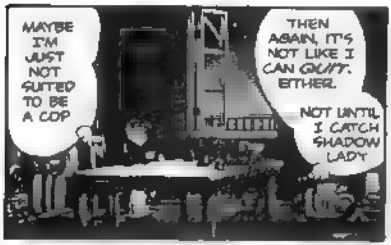
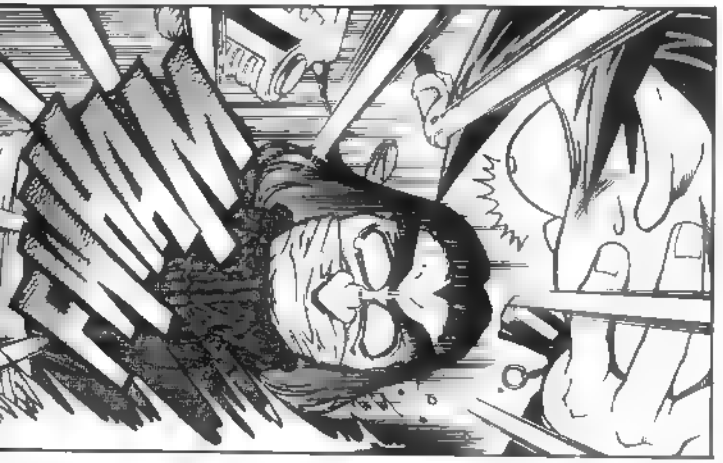

MAYBE I'M JUST NOT SUITED TO BE A COP
THEN AGAIN, IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN QUIT. EITHER.
NOT UNTIL I CATCH SHADOW LADY

AND IN ORDER TO GET ASSIGNED BACK TO HER, I HAVE TO FIND THIS GUY
BUT THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, I'M A LOT MORE LIKELY TO GET FIRED.


THUNK

WHA-
WHA-
WHA-
WHA-
?!
WOW!

THAT'S THE GUY YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, RIGHT?
CONSIDER HIM A GIFT.

tee hee!
SHADOW LADY SEES ALL... KNOWS ALL
SH SHADOW LADY?! BUT HOW WHY?!

COME ON, BRIGHT! HOW CAN YOU CALL YOURSELF A COP WHEN YOU CAN'T EVEN CATCH A CHEAP, TWO-BIT PUNK LIKE THAT GUY?
ARE YOU STUPID OR WHAT?!

YOU REALLY THINK A CLUMSY DORK LIKE YOURSELF CAN CATCH ME?!
HAH! DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
BWA HAW HAW!

YOU COULDN'T CATCH ME IF YOU TRIED FOR A HUNDRED YEARS!
HAUL YOUR DUMB HICK BUTT BACK TO THE FARM, YOU...ER... YOU PATHETIC MOMMA'S BOY!
HMPH!

HEE, HEE AFTER THIS SAVAGE RIDICULE, BRIGHT'S PRIDE MUST BE IN SHREDS! THE DOUBLE WHAMMY OF FRUSTRATION AND HUMILIATION WILL DRIVE HIM DEEPER INTO DEPRESSION, AT WHICH POINT AIMI WILL APPEAR AND TREAT HIM WITH KINDNESS.
"DON'T WORRY, BRIGHT I'M HERE FOR YOU, FOREVER AND ALWAYS!"
"OH, AIMI. HOW COULD I NOT HAVE NOTICED YOU BEFORE? WHAT A FOOL I WAS! I WON'T EVER LET YOU GO!"
"OH, BRIGHT ♥"
"OH, AIMI ♥"
(ETCETERA, ETCETERA)
HE'LL HATE SHADOW LADY, AND SO AIMI AND BRIGHT WILL LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER IT'S SO PERFECT! IN FACT IT'S ALMOST TOO PERFECT

AH?!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
VWHISSH

OKAY, YOU'VE GOT TEN SECONDS TO RUN.
?
?

GO!

1!
2!
3!
WH-WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
4!
5!
6!
I... I GAVE HIM TO YOU! WHY DID YOU LET HIM GO?!
7!
8!
9!
ARE YOU REALLY STUPID OR WHAT?!
10!
LOOK.. I APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS, BUT I CAN CLEAN UP MY OWN MESS
AND ON TOP OF THAT YOU'RE STILL A THIEF.
I WON'T... CAN'T... ACCEPT THE HELP OF A CRIMINAL.

BUT, YOU KNOW. I AM A *BIT* HAPPY AS I HAD SUSPECTED. *DEEP DOWN* YOU'RE NOT A BAD PERSON.
AND NOW I'M MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER TO CATCH YOU AND SET YOU STRAIGHT, SHADOW LADY!

HUH. ?
YOUR HARSH WORDS OPENED MY EYES! I WAS ABOUT TO GIVE UP.
BUT YOU'VE GIVEN ME THE MOTIVATION I NEEDED
THANK YOU!
OH, NO!! WHAT I DID HAD THE EXACT OPPOSITE EFFECT FROM WHAT I WANTED!
BUT WHAT A DREAMY SMILE SIGH
SO, AS IT HAPPENED, AIAH WAS THE ONE TO BE HIT BY A "DOUBLE WHAMMY" WHEN SHE UNINTENTIONALLY BOOSTED BRIGHT'S CONFIDENCE AND STRENGTHENED HIS ATTACHMENT TO SHADOW LADY
AND IN THE MEANTIME, THE CRIMINAL...
HUH? WHY DIDN'T YOU--
WH-WHERE COULD I GO?!
HAD DISCOVERED THEY WERE ON THE THIRD FLOOR

NEXT "LOVE IN MY HAND"...!

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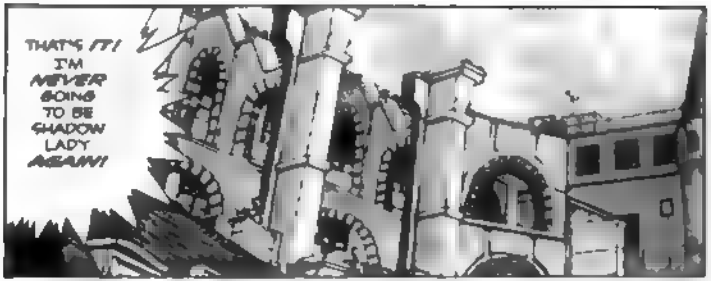
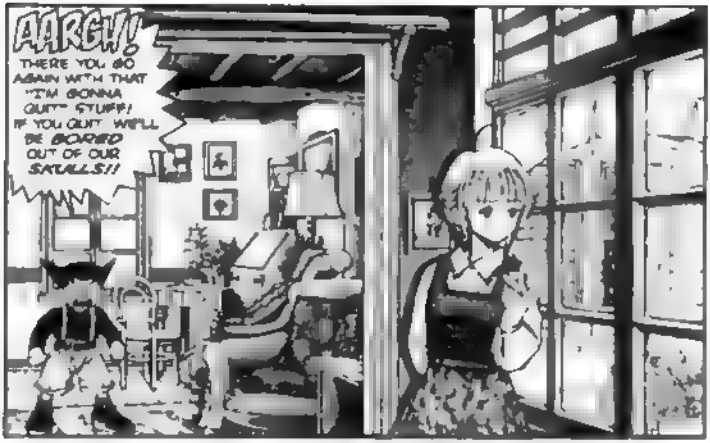
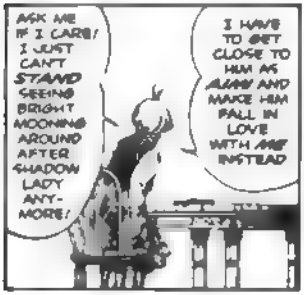

THAT'S IT! I'M NEVER GOING TO BE SHADOW LADY AGAIN!

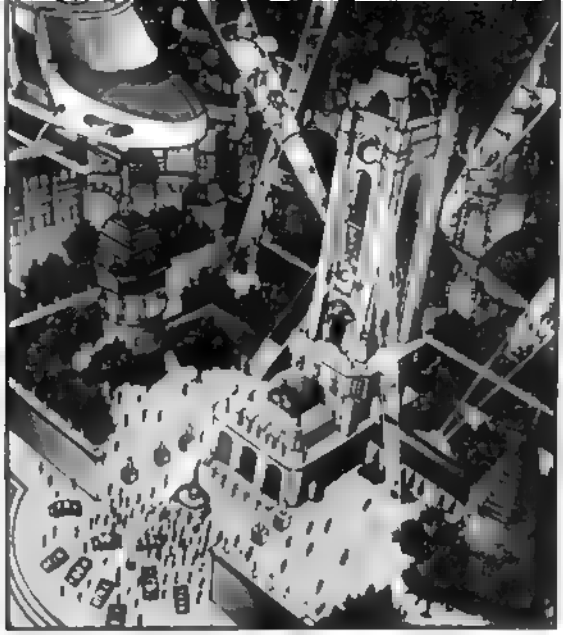

AARGH!
THERE YOU GO AGAIN WITH THAT "I'M GONNA QUIT" STUFF! IF YOU QUIT WE'LL BE BORED OUT OF OUR SKULLS!!


ASK ME IF I CARE! I JUST CAN'T STAND SEEING BRIGHT MOONING AROUND AFTER SHADOW LADY ANY-MORE!
I HAVE TO GET CLOSE TO HIM AS AGAIN AND MAKE HIM FALL IN LOVE WITH ME INSTEAD

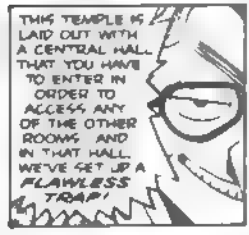
LOOK I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. WHY DON'T YOU JUST DATE HIM AS SHADOW LADY?

GRAB A BRAIN, DEMOTA! THEN I'D HAVE TO BE TRANSFORMED ALL THE TIME!
ANYWAY, I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK. I'M NOT CHANGING INTO SHADOW LADY EVER AGAIN! I'LL JUST HAVE TO—
MIRACLE OF THE TEMPLE OF LOVE!
Hmm. . . "THE WORLD-FAMOUS GODDESS OF LOVE. WELL-KNOWN FOR BRINGING COUPLES TOGETHER. LOCATED WITHIN THE TEMPLE OF LOVE. ."
TH-THIS IS IT!
WITH THE HELP OF THE GODDESS OF LOVE, I CAN MAKE HIM FALL IN LOVE WITH ME!
C'MON, AIMI. DON'T YOU KNOW THAT SORT OF THING IS THE LAST RESORT OF THE PATHETICALLY DESPERATE?
BUT I GUESS IF YOU'RE REALLY NOT GOING TO BECOME SHADOW LADY ANY MORE, THEN—
DEMOTA!
SEND OUT AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE POLICE— SHADOW LADY IS ON THE PROWL AGAIN!
FWIP
KRASH

ALL RIGHT!
I FEEL A LOT BETTER ABOUT HOW THINGS WENT BEFORE
TONIGHT'S MY LAST NIGHT AS SHADOW LADY, SO LET'S GET OUT THERE AND PARTY!!
WELL, AT LEAST SHE SEEMS TO ENJOY LIFE, RIGHT?
LET'S GO GO GO!!


B-BUT WHAT COULD SHADOW LADY WANT TO STEAL FROM US ?
IT MUST BE THE MOST VALUABLE ITEM HERE. THE STATUE OF THE GODDESS OF LOVE!

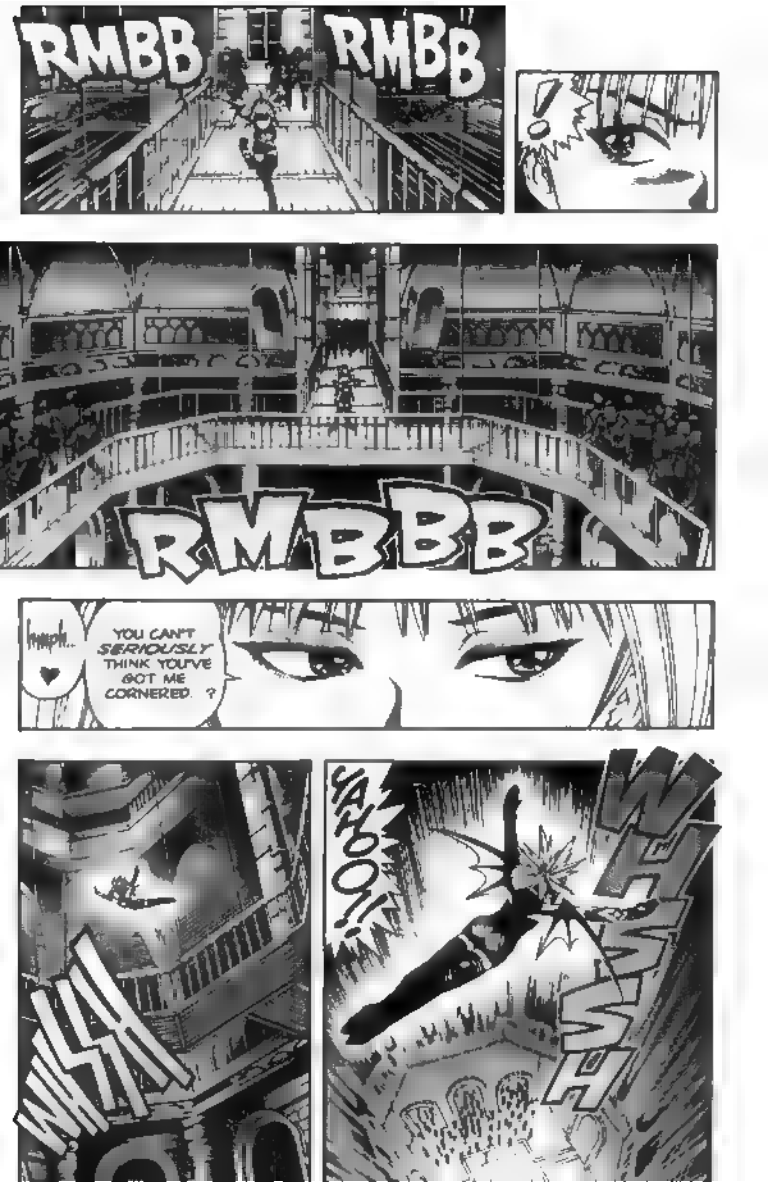
CHIEF INSPECTOR DORY! THIS TIME AROUND, I'VE GOT A FOOL-PROOF PLAN!
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO HEAR! SO. ?


THIS TEMPLE IS LAID OUT WITH A CENTRAL HALL THAT YOU HAVE TO ENTER IN ORDER TO ACCESS ANY OF THE OTHER ROOMS AND IN THAT HALL WE'VE SET UP A FLAWLESS TRAP!

EXCELLENT, DETECTIVE YAMAZAKI! AND JUST WHAT IS THIS TRAP ?
HEH, HEH, HEH. JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE IT WILL SHOW ONCE AND FOR ALL THAT BENEATH HER COSTUME, SHADOW LADY IS ONLY AN ORDINARY WOMAN!

PA-PAM
BOMF
!!
HI, EVERY-ONE! THANKS FOR COMING!
TIME FOR ANOTHER NIGHT OF BIG, BAD FUN... BROUGHT TO YOU BY SHADOW LADY!!
BAM
KRAK
BOOM

HEH, HEH. BEGIN THE OPERATION!
MY GOODNESS, THERE'S CERTAINLY A LOT OF YOU TONIGHT
RMBBBB
YARRGH!
WHAT?! DON'T TELL ME THIS IS YOUR "FOOLPROOF PLAN" ?! EVEN IF YOU HAVE A HUNDRED OFFICERS, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CATCH HER!
HAH! NOT TO WORRY!
COME IN GET ME, BOYS!
HOP!
HOP!
YAAARGH!
YOW! THEY'RE HERE, TOO?
RMBBBB
YAAARGH!
RMBBBB
URK!


RMBB
RMBB
!
RMBBB
hmph...
YOU CAN'T SERIOUSLY THINK YOU'VE GOT ME CORNERED. ?
WHOOSH
WHISH

HEH.
GOT HER.
SPROINNG
?!
SHKK
RRIP
SHKK
!!
SHKK

?!
HAH!!
THIS MAY BE A HOLY CHURCH, SHADOW LADY, BUT FOR YOU-- IT'S THE "HELL OF THE FISHING HOOK SPIDER WEB!"
AND THE MORE YOU STRUGGLE, THE MORE YOUR COSTUME WILL BE TORN AWAY!
FWIP
1
RRIP
SHRRK
EEK!

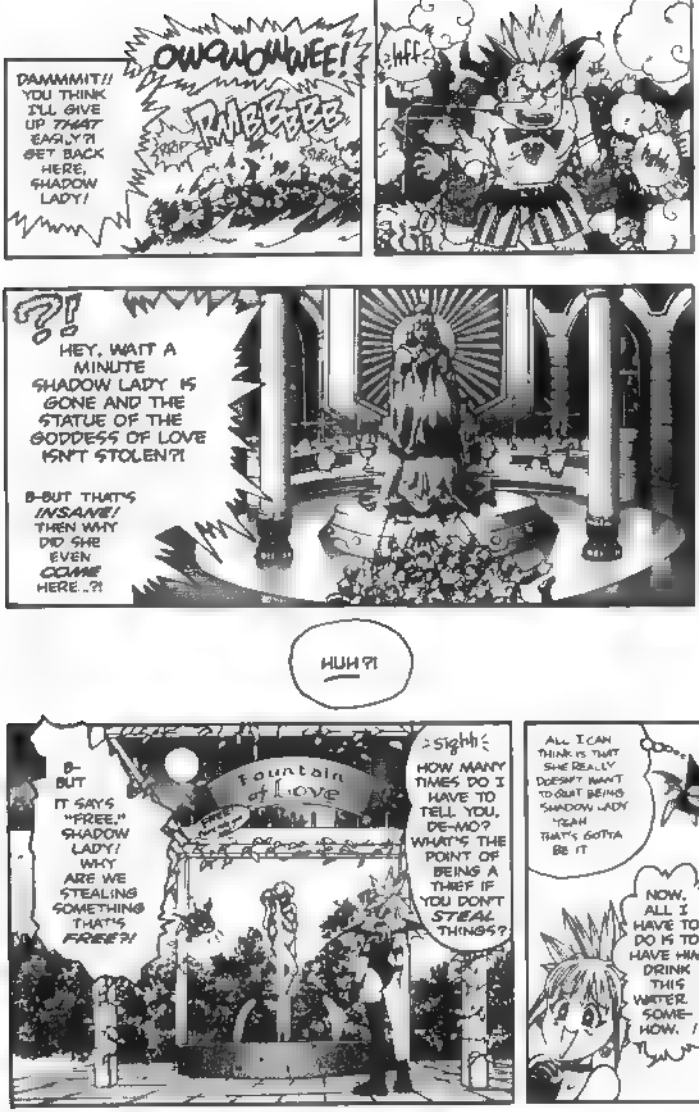
NOW THAT YOU'RE CAUGHT, EVEN IF YOU DON'T STRUGGLE YOU'LL STILL CONTINUE TO FALL JUST FROM THE WEIGHT OF YOUR OWN BODY! AND AS YOU FALL, MORE AND MORE OF YOUR COSTUME WILL BE RIPPED AWAY SO THAT BY THE TIME YOU REACH THE FLOOR YOU'LL BE TOTALLY NAKED, COMPLETELY DEFENSELESS!
EWIP
OH NO!
SHRIKK
WHAT A SHAMEFUL WAY FOR THE POLICE TO ACT
AAAH!
RRR
EVEN THE GREAT SHADOW LADY CAN'T POSSIBLY FIGHT BACK WHEN SHE'S STARK RAVING NUDE!!
IT'S OVER, BABY! FINISHED!!

EEEK!
HKKRIP
NO! PLEASE!!
COME TO UNCLE YAMAZAKI, SWEET THING!
NYA HA HA HA!
SHRIKK

N-NO. .
I'M BEGGING YOU PLEASE DON'T LOOK!
STARE
-gulp-
YOU IDIOT!
?!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, EXPOSING YOURSELF LIKE THAT?! IS IT REALLY FUN TO TEASE MEN SO MUCH?! YOU SHOULD HAVE MORE RESPECT FOR YOURSELF!
Hmm. .
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT HE'D SAY, ALL RIGHT
IN ANY CASE, I DIDN'T COME HERE TO PLAY THEIR GAME LIKE A FOOL.
HUH?!
NO WAY

DON'T WORRY, BOYS! YOU WANT TO SEE ME NAKED, RIGHT? THEN I'LL SHOW YOU!
ALL RIGHT!!
HEH?
FRESHEN UUUP!

TA-DAAH!
"FRESHEN UP" IS SHADOW LADY'S ABILITY TO DO A PARTIAL MOLECULAR REBUILD OF HER DAMAGED COSTUME
AND, OF COURSE, FOR A MOMENT SHE BECOMES COMPLETELY NAKED, BUT. .
BLINK
BLINK
BLINK
TOO BRIGHT FOR YOU TO SEE, HUH? AWWW, TOO BAD!
hee hee
AH?! NO! WAIT!!
OKAY, THE "FREE PREVIEW!" IS OVER! BYE-BYE, BOYS!
VWIP
?!
OW OW OW!!


DAMMMIT!! YOU THINK I'LL GIVE UP THAT EASILY?! GET BACK HERE, SHADOW LADY!
OWOWOWEE!
DIBBBBB
Hff
?!
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE SHADOW LADY IS GONE AND THE STATUE OF THE GODDESS OF LOVE ISN'T STOLEN?!
B-BUT THAT'S INSANE! THEN WHY DID SHE EVEN COME HERE..?!
HUH?!
B-BUT IT SAYS "FREE," SHADOW LADY! WHY ARE WE STEALING SOMETHING THAT'S FREE?!
Fountain of Love
Free Water
Sigh!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU, DE-MO? WHAT'S THE POINT OF BEING A THIEF IF YOU DON'T STEAL THINGS?
ALL I CAN THINK IS THAT SHE REALLY DOESN'T WANT TO QUIT BEING SHADOW LADY YEAH THAT'S GOTTA BE IT
NOW, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TO HAVE HIM DRINK THIS WATER. SOME-HOW. !

AND SO, THE NEXT DAY.
"SHADOW LADY GIVES GRAY CITY COPS THE SLIP--AGAIN".
WELL, GOOD!
I KNEW THEY COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT ME.
THEY SAY THAT WHEN THE PERSON YOU LOVE DRINKS THE WATER FROM THE FOUNTAIN OF LOVE,
,THEY WILL IMMEDIATELY FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU, AS WELL.
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BELIEVE IN THE LEGEND OF THE MIRACULOUS WATER. SO GO FOR IT! IT'S SO EASY, AH!! ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY IS "WOULD YOU LIKE A DRINK OF WATER. ?"

THUK
FWHAMM
KBLOOSH
OH, NO! I DID IT AGAIN!
WHOOOSH
?! TH-THAT GIRL AGAIN ...?
MAN... SHE MUST REALLY HATE ME OR SOMETHING. .
IT'S HARD TO SAY IF THE FOUNTAIN WATER CAN REALLY CAUSE MIRACLES OF LOVE BUT USED LIKE THIS IT DEFINITELY HAS THE COMPLETELY OPPOSITE EFFECT
MEANWHILE, DORY AND THE OTHERS.
...HAD ONCE MORE FALLEN INTO A WOMAN'S BATHROOM.
AGAIN?!
GIMME A BREAK!
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MAKEUP

Sighh
SHADOW LADY IS SUPPOSEDLY A PART OF ME, AND YET...
...WHY IS THAT WHEN I'M BACK TO MYSELF, I GET ALL SHY AGAIN?
IF ONLY I COULD KEEP A LITTLE BIT OF HER COURAGE TO HELP ME CONFESS MY FEELINGS... EVERYTHING WOULD WORK OUT.
AAH... ISN'T THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THIS PERSONALITY OF MINE?
FMPH
PLAIN OLD MAKEUP...? BUT THEN YOU'D STILL BE THE PLAIN OLD YOU!

HEY, AIMI... CHECK THIS OUT!

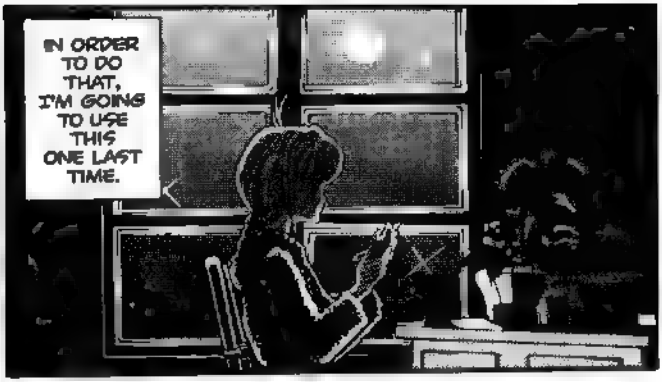
WITH THE NEW IMPUDENCE COLOR, YOU CAN SAY GOOD-BYE TO YOUR GOOD-GIRL IMAGE AND HAVE THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE!
IMPUDENCE SERIES
Eye Shadow
Compact
MAKE A NEW YOU WITH LADY DATAILA'S IMPUDENCE SERIES EYE SHADOW AND ROUGE...NOW ON SALE AT BAYLE 22!

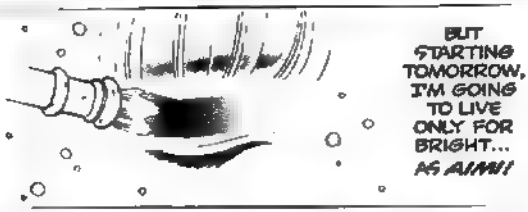
NORMAL MAKEUP! IT'S PERFECT!! THAT WAY YOU CAN STILL TRANSFORM YOURSELF, BUT IN A DIFFERENT WAY THAN YOU DO AS SHADOW LADY!
GET IT? THIS WAY YOU CAN STAY AS AIMI, BUT WITH JUST A TOUCH OF SHADOW LADY!

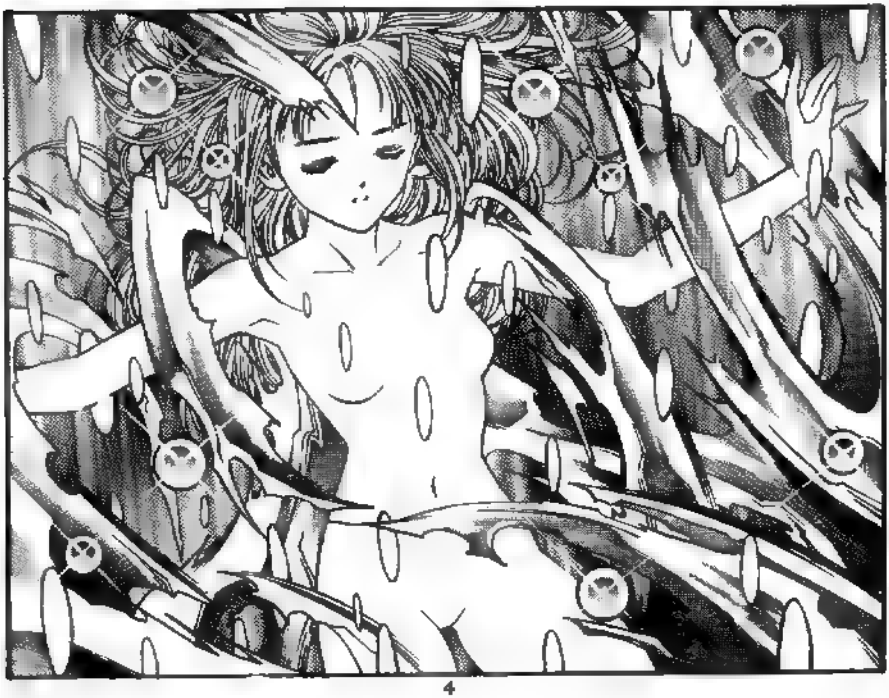
MAKEUP, HUH...? HMM... WHAT WAS IT OLD TOM SAID TO ME...?
MAYBE A TOUCH OF MAKEUP? I BET YOU'D HAVE BOYS COMING OUT OF THE WOODWORK FOR YOU.

YES! YES!! YES!!!
DEMOTA, SEND OUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT!
YAHOO!

I'M GOING TO TRANSFORM INTO A WHOLE NEW ME... WITHOUT USING THE MAGIC EYE SHADOW.


IN ORDER TO DO THAT, I'M GOING TO USE THIS ONE LAST TIME.


BUT STARTING TOMORROW, I'M GOING TO LIVE ONLY FOR BRIGHT... AS AIMI!



BOSS!
WE GOT A MESSAGE FROM SHADOW LADY!
SHE SAYS SHE'S GOING TO HIT THE MAKEUP COUNTER AT BAYLE-22!
ALL RIGHT, MEN! LOCK AND LOAD!!
CHIEF DETECTIVE DORY, SIR! I HAVE AN IDEA!
THIS BETTER NOT BE ANYTHING LIKE YOUR LAST IDEA, YAMAZAKI!
HEH, HEH, HEH... NOT TO WORRY. MY "HUH? POLICE HIDING HERE? YOU CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD!" OPERATION IS FLAWLESS!
BAYLE-22, GRAY CITY'S LARGEST DEPARTMENT STORE.
TA-♫ DAAAH! ♪
HELLO, EVERYBODY! I'M HERE!
OKAY, BOYS! LET'S PARTY AGAIN TO-NIGH--
?!

OR MAYBE
NOT!
WHERE THE HECK ARE THOSE STUPID COPS ?!
HONK!
MAYBE THEY GOT TIRED OR US
OOH!! THE NERVE! WELL, FINE THEN! LET'S JUST GRAB WHAT WE CAME FOR AND GO!
Hmph!
SALE
SALE
SALE
THAP
HM...?
SHIBA

HMMM!
!
KOOCHY
KOOCHY
OH, DEAR ME! THIS DRESS IS SOOO TIGHT!
BUT SINCE THERE'S NO ONE HERE, I CAN JUST TAKE IT OFF!
MMNF!
OOF!
NNG...
KSSH SSHK
FMPH
AAHH, THAT'S MUCH BET-TER!

WOO-HOO!
TA-DAAH!
BLOOSH
SILLY BOY!
Eh?
WHSSH
WHRAK
EXPERT CHANGE: CRIMSON CAT SHADOW!

CURSES!
M-MY PERFECT CAMOUFLAGE PLAN FAILED!
GET HER, EVERYONE!
YAA!
AAA!
NOW THIS IS MORE LIKE IT!
WHAK

KITTY-
CAT
BANK
SHOT!
SWHSSS
HHH
HAH!

FSSSHH
OOG
WHAT A BUNCH OF WIMPS AND LOSERS!
I AGREE.
!
IF YOU COULD GET CAUGHT BY A STUPID PLAN LIKE THIS, WE'D HAVE HAD YOU LONG AGO.
WELL, IT'S ENTERTAINING, AT LEAST.
WHAT ARE YOU REALLY AFTER?!
YOU CAN'T ACTUALLY BE HERE FOR MAKEUP!
OH?
AND WHY NOT?

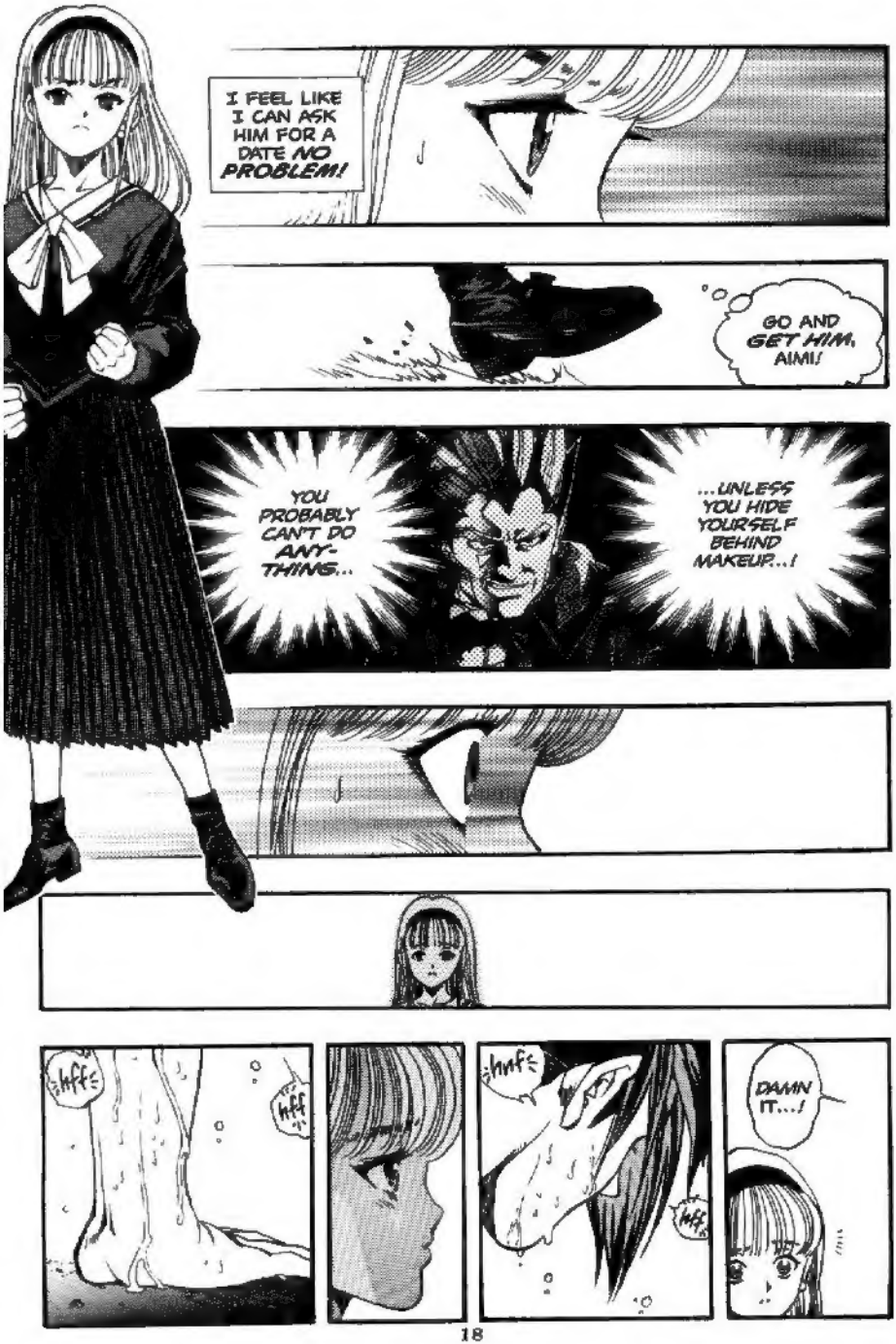
I'LL NEVER UNDER-STAND YOU, SHADOW LADY...
WHY? WHAT'S SO STRANGE ABOUT A YOUNG GIRL WANTING MAKEUP?
AND THEN WHAT? YOU'RE GOING TO CAKE MORE MAKEUP ON TOP?
HAH! YOU PROBABLY CAN'T DO ANYTHING UNLESS YOU HIDE YOURSELF BEHIND MAKEUP... CAN YOU, SHADOW LADY...?
AM I REALLY SO HARD TO UNDER-STAND, CHIEF DETEC-TIVE DORY?
VZZZT
?

heh...
KCHIK
FMP
NNG...
?
THEN LET ME PUT YOU IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FEMALE SIDE!!
HAH?!
FFFT
ALEE-RRGH!
?!
CHIEF?!
WHAT THE--
AAAA!
NNG!
RRG!
AHHG!
...
...
...!
NNG!

FSSSH
AH!
FZZKK
OH!
...!
...?
...!
SFSSSS
B-BOSS? ARE Y-YOU OKAY..?
FAP
YEEK?!
BIRK!
KSSH

OOOH!!
OH, DEAR! MY PANTIES FEEL UNUSUALLY TIGHT TONIGHT!
IKK!
ACK!
UCK!
WHO
THEORETICALLY, NO MATTER WHO PUTS ON THE MAGIC SHADOW, THEY BECOME MORE OUTGOING...
...AND PHYSICALLY ATTRACTIVE. THEORETICALLY.
OH, AREN'T YOU JUST THE CUTEST LITTLE THING!
ACK!

AIEE! GET OFF!
DON'T WORRY, INSPECTOR DUMMY--THE SHADOW WILL FADE BY MORNING... HEE, HEE!
THE NEXT DAY
AIMI'S FIRST ATTEMPT AT PUTTING ON NORMAL MAKEUP TOOK THREE GRUELING HOURS...
D... DID IT!
IT'S FUNNY... I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I DO FEEL LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON.
ONE THING'S FOR SURE-- I'M NOT THE USUAL SHY AND TIMID AIMI TODAY!


I FEEL LIKE I CAN ASK HIM FOR A DATE NO PROBLEM!
GO AND GET HIM, AIMI!
YOU PROBABLY CAN'T DO ANY-THING...
...UNLESS YOU HIDE YOURSELF BEHIND MAKEUP...!
hff
hff
hnf
hff
DAMN IT...!

SILLY ME... THE COURAGE I GET FROM MAKEUP WOULD WASH OFF JUST AS EASILY AS THE MAKEUP ITSELF.
I HAVE TO TRANSFORM MYSELF THROUGH HARD WORK, LIKE HIM, AND EXPRESS MY FEELINGS WITHOUT HIDING BEHIND MAKEUP.
NO, IT'S OKAY.
AND SO, SEEING BRIGHT STRUGGLING TO IMPROVE HIMSELF HELPED AIMI GROW UP A LITTLE.

GOOD-NESS! YOU AND YOUR SILLY LITTLE IDEAS, YAMAZAKI!
HONESTLY, I SWEAR! IF YOU MESS UP AGAIN, I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU SUCH A TALKING TO!
THAT'S REALLY SAD...
...THE AFTER-EFFECTS OF THE SHADOW LINGERED ON....

NEXT: SHADOW LADY PART TWO— "THE EYES OF A STRANGER"...!